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AVA: *Rogue Valley, Oregon*

VINEYARD DATA

Source: 2Hawk estate, Block 3, Jackson clone

Soil Profile: Padigan silty clay-loam

WINEMAKING DATA

Composition: 99% Grenache, 1% Syrah

Yeast: Wild

Aging: 6 months sur lies in 100% stainless steel

AWARDS

BevX.com - 95 points; 4.5 stars

Wine Enthusiast - 91 points; Editor's Choice

International Wine Report - 90 points

James Suckling - 90 points

Harvest Challenge - Double Gold; 96 points

SavorNW Wine Awards - Gold

VINTAGE

2019 was another in a string of fantastic vintages characterized by near-record bookend months on the bookends of the vintage. Our spring bookend saw record rainfall in February, and our fall bookend set a near-record cool for October. The winter was relatively warm and slightly drier than normal. Spring stayed on the cool side, with budbreak the most uniform we have seen in some time. Bloom was equally uniform within the varieties, but a June heat spike limited our crop by nearly a third.

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HARVEST DATA

Dates: October 14, 15, & 16, 2019

Brix: 22.3 pH: 3.32 TA: 7.12 g/L

BOTTLING DATA

Production: 227 cases

Bottled: March 3, 2020

Alc. 12.9% pH: 3.56 TA: 5.59 g/L

FSO₂: 34 mg/L



This created some uneven fruit set, but thanks to our vineyard crew and their extraordinary attention to detail, veraison and ripening proceeded with minimal variation. The little heat we received in October allowed our fruit to ripen very slowly while moderating sugar accumulation and preserving natural acidity. We started harvest on September 20—a good bit later than normal—and thankfully avoided potentially damaging fall frosts, pulling our last fruit on November 5.

TASTING NOTES

One thing we have discovered about our Grenache block is the unique qualities of the fruit from the different soil compositions. The block's northern portion is a nearly pure deposit of the Padigan Series silty clay-loam soil, and the clusters harvested from that section have a pure expression of fruit that is ideal for rosé. For 2019, we saw dramatically delayed ripeness that pushed the rosé harvest a full two weeks later than normal. That extra hang time resulted in a bright, cheerful wine with our typical crushed strawberry and red plum aromatics but with a subtle dimension of fresh rosemary perfume and a plushness to the texture that speaks to the physiological ripeness of the fruit. This is a wine best enjoyed young for the freshness of the fruit and crunchy personality that pops with character. We suggest savoring this delightful wine through 2022 with simple fare such as a Spanish charcuterie with jamón ibérico, marcona almonds, Castelvetro olives, manchego, and grilled baguette.



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