

INNATE WINES

2018 Grenache

VILLA VALLECITO VINEYARD

CALAVERAS COUNTY

SOURCE

Villa Vallecito Vineyard first and foremost is unique in that it sits on the very tip of a peninsula. Below, three deep bodies of the New Melones Lake surround the steeply trellised and rolling hills of the vineyard. Planted in 2001 and situated around 1600 feet, warm sunny days are met with long cool afternoon breezes coming off of the cold Sierra water. This combined with the well-drained shallow schist soils produces a microclimate producing low yields of small intensely concentrated berries. Wines from this sustainability farmed vineyard tend to be deeply colored, consisting of bold fruit density, powerful tannin, and have a pronounced crushed stone character. This family owned vineyard not only produces unique fruit, but is a treasure to walk and catch a sunrise while being surrounded by the reflecting water below.

VINIFICATION

Each cluster was hand sorted at dawn before the select whole clusters were placed into an open top Neutral French Oak Puncheon with me inside. The whole clusters were gently foot tread making sure to keep the integrity of the grape. The grapes received daily punch downs mostly with my arms or a punch down tool as prescribed by the ferment. As soon as primary fermentation was complete the clusters were dug out by hand and pressed directly to Neutral French Oak Puncheons. The wine remained in the puncheon to complete secondary fermentation with the addition of a small amount of sulfur around three months prior to bottling. No other additions or subtractions occurred. The wine was never racked except to bottle unfinned and unfiltered.



NOTES

Deep ruby in color, intense baked cherries, raspberry preserves, exotic spices, and Black Forest cake emerge from a well-endowed nose. Incense with earthy and meaty notes linger as well as welcome hints of kirsch and framboise. Voluptuously layered in texture with opulent zingy raspberry compote, tree picked cherry, and plum sauce. Finishing with lush tannin and persistent crushed rock

WINEMAKER: NATHAN DECAMPS

DETAILS

HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

BOTTLING DATE MAY: 14, 2020

Alcohol/ 12.7%

Residual Sugar/ <0.1g/L

