

REVERED SERIES

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HARVEST NOTES

Rapid vine growth signaled the start of a challenging 2016 season. The season steadied with a cooler than usual July, allowing for a longer hang time on the grapes for the flavours to develop while maintaining natural acidity in the fruit. The Petit Verdot was sourced from the Lloyd Vineyard (18%), the Iqbal Vineyard (14%) and the Ashe Vineyard (6%). The Merlot was grown on the Ashe Vineyard (34%), our estate vineyard (2%) and the Jose Vineyard (2%). The Malbec was also grown on the Ashe Vineyard (12%), while the Cabernet Sauvignon came from the Jose Vineyard (10%) and Matheson Creek Farms (2%).

WINEMAKING

The individual lots of fruit were hand harvested separately at optimal sugar, acidity and tannic ripeness. Destemmed and uncrushed, the fruit was transferred to tank for 5-7 day cold soaks before fermentation began. The separate fermentations were managed according to their specific needs, with pumpovers ranging from 1-4 times daily.

After 18-28 days on skins, the free run wine was drained from tank directly to barrel for malolactic fermentation. The oak was 63% French and 37% American. Of the 8 barrels of wine that made up the blend, 25% was new, 13% second fill, 50% third fill with the balance being neutral. The wines were in barrel for 14 months before blending, and then back to barrel for 6 months of aging. After 20 months in barrel, the wine was racked to tank in preparation for bottling unfinned and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Colour: Deep garnet.

Nose: Opens with berry and cherry, followed by plum, licorice and cassis.

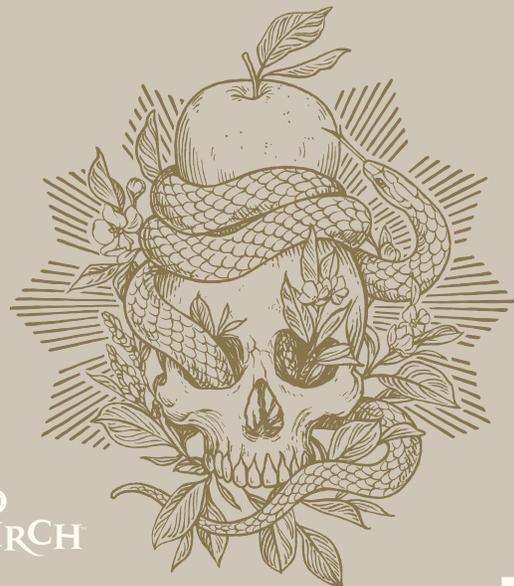
Palate: Raspberry, strawberry and plum lead with fine-grained tannin building through the mid-palate and carrying through to a persistent finish. Beautifully balanced with terrific texture and a well integrated oak profile.

Food Pairing: Roasted prime rib or leg of lamb.

VARIETAL PROFILE

38% Petit Verdot, 38% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

Total acidity	6.3g/L
Final pH:	3.9
Residual Sugar:	0.12g/L
Alcohol:	14.0%
Cases Produced:	198
CSPC:	788489



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