

VINTAGE
2019

WINEMAKER
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VITICULTURIST
Daniel Charles

APPELLATION
Chalk Hill

VARIETAL
79% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Petit Verdot
9% Malbec
3% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL
14.3%

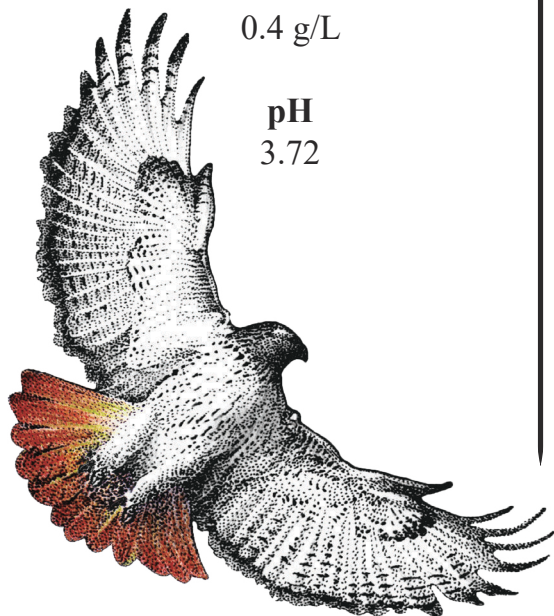
TITRATABLE ACIDITY
5.92 g/L

CASES PRODUCED
504

BARREL AGING
18 Months

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.4 g/L

pH
3.72



BALVERNE

Sonoma County Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon

Estate Grown, Bottled, and Produced



Vineyard

The summit of Notre Vue Estate is blessed with rocky, volcanic soils that drain quickly and that produce small, more intensely flavored and colored berries without aggressive canopies (leaves). Reaching above 1,000 feet in elevation, these blocks have excellent sun exposure. Afternoon temperatures are moderated by the cooling Pacific breezes out of the Russian River Valley. This rich fruit is used to craft Balverne wines.

Winemaking

This Cabernet Sauvignon was one of the last blocks picked prior to the Kincadee fire and evacuation. This wine survived that tragic event mostly due to the non-saccharomyces yeast I use during cold soak for sulfite reduction therapy. We never lost power due to portable generators so the wine received an unplanned extended cold soak. The yeast did its job uninterrupted and kept all soilage bacteria and yeast suppressed until we were able to come back and resume normal pump-over protocols.

Wine

A luxuriously fragrant full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with fruit forward aromas complemented by touches of Chalk Hill terroir. This deeply purple wine boasts notes of black cherry juice, berry compote and graphite on the nose. These delicious elements carry through to the palate with hints of current balanced by purple florals and a lingering of dark chocolate shavings within structured tannins on the finish.