



2018
“Bearly There”
Estate - El Dorado

Harvest

70.0% Merlot - Estate
15.0% Cabernet Franc – Estate
15.0% Petite Verdot – Estate
Harvest Date: 15 Sept. 2018
Harvest Brix: 25.5 degrees brix
pH: 3.80
Total Acidity: 0.64 g/100ml

Wine

Alcohol: 14.3%
pH: 3.80
Total Acidity: 0.56 g/100m
Barrel Aging: 30 months
1 – 3 year old French oak
Bottling Date: 9 Feb. 2021
Cases Produced: 75

Winemaking Notes

The 2018 vintage was great for fruit quality but cold spring weather kept the production down. The must was fermented in small $\frac{3}{4}$ ton lots with a specialty Rhone yeast “GRE”. The wine was then aged 30 months in 2/3 one-year-old American and 1/3 in older French oak.

Tasting Notes

Notice that this wine doesn't have a varietal on the label. This is the culmination of trying to create a Bordelaise blend from our Estate vineyard. A wine needs to be 75% of a variety to carry a varietal designation. Utilizing three of the five Bordeaux varieties (the other two are Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec) we created a wine with deep magenta color. Aromas of ripe plum and new leather with hints of chocolate fill out the flavor profile. Ripe red fruit impressions in the mouth are extended by a rich and full finish. The wine is firm in tannins and finishes with lingering blackberry and sweet oak. This wine tastes great right now and will add to any rich cuisine or BBQ fare, with proper storage should age gracefully for another three years.

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