Cline Cellars Ancient Vines Mourvèdre, Contra Costa County AVA 2023

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— California, USA

A juicy characterful Mourvèdre which comes from Cline's original Contra Costa ranch. It's here where the over 100 year old bush vines thrive on the sandy soils.

2022 Vintage

IWC Bronze 2023

2023 Vintage

IWSC Bronze 2024

Production

The Ancient Vines Mourvèdre draws from some of our oldest, most historic and shyest-bearing vineyards. These blocks produce fruit of stunning concentration as a result of sensitive farming practices, the singular Oakley terroir, and an unique cooling band of air that flows in from the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers. By naturally restricting yields to only 2 to 3 tonnes per acre, we achieve a sublime expression of the Mourvèdre fruit. These grapes hold characteristics of dark, dusty berry fruit that makes their Ancient Vines Mourvèdre so lustrous. Individual lots of grapes were harvested separately according to ripeness and balance of acidity. Grapes undergo total de-stemming and a very gentle crushing to ensure a large proportion of whole berries in the must. Fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks with select cultured yeasts. It was then maintained at the ideal temperature to aid in the extraction of flavor and colour. The wine was pressed off its skins at dryness before being racked to dark toasted American Oak (approximately 30% new) where it was gently aged for 10 months and then stored in neutral cooperage.

Tasting note

Distinct and luscious. Flavours of dark plum, cherry liqueurs, cola cube and old fashioned root beer leads to complex flavours of integrated oak, spice and a smooth and juicy finish. A wine which combines plenty of ripe cherry fruit with a unique soul and character.

Food Match

This scrumptious and unusually delightful wine goes exceptionally well with grilled lamb or pork, sautéed asparagus and curried deviled eggs. Also fab with rack of lamb, duck confit are steak tartare.

ABV:
14.50%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Category:
Sustainable

Appellation:
Contra Costa County

Winemaker:
Mikheil Khmelidze

Grape Varieties:
Mourvèdre 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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