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2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOCINO COUNTY

Background:

In 2017 we were asked by Diane Nauman to take care of her small vineyard that was planted by her late husband Carl in the late 1960's. We normally do not make Cabernet Sauvignon but with this being one of the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in Mendocino, it intrigued me. The 2018 vintage was so good for this vineyard we decided to keep it for ourselves and give it the best treatment money could buy.

Vineyards:

The Nauman vineyard lies in the heart of one of the best red wine regions in all of Mendocino County, the Talmage District, which is located in the eastern benchlands and foothills of the Ukiah Valley. The soils here are shallow brown clay with an array of gravel and large rocks throughout its composition. These vines are so old, large and gnarly they reminded me of monsters traversing the landscape.

Winemaking:

The grapes for this wine were hand harvested on November 12th, 2018 and were crushed into open top fermentors and allowed to cold soak for 4 days before the start of fermentation. After a long, slow fermentation, the wine was aged for 36 months in 50% new French oak barrels, softening the tannins and adding length, complexity and spice to the wine.

Winemaker Comments:

Very dark purple garnet in color, this wine has aromas and flavors of cassis, dark berries and toasted oak. Its full-bodied structure is framed by balanced acidity and big supple tannins which make this a great food wine that is also perfect for long aging in the cellar.

Winemaking Data

Harvest

Date: November 12th, 2018

Fermentation & Aging

Fermentation: 4 days of cold soak, pumped over and punched down twice a day for 14 days in stainless open top fermentors
Aging: 36 months in French Burgundy barrels (50% new)

Wine

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 15.3%
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L
pH: 3.79
Residual Sugar: 0.7 g/L



Food Pairing:

Roasted meats such as lamb and beef or hearty venison stew bring out the true flavors of this wine.

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