OAK FARM Vineyards

2017 Raffaele

(Tuscan Style Red Blend)

Estate Grown | Lodi, California

Tasting Notes
This wine offers beautiful fruit intensity with defined aromas of dried cherries, raspberries, and violets. This is a medium bodied wine with a smooth mouth-feel and a bright finish.

Branding Note
This wine was named "Raffaele" in honor of Co-Owner Dan Panella's Italian Grandfather (Bob Panella's father). His given name was Raffaele. An Italian style wine named after a beloved Italian man.

Vineyard Notes
All the varietals that make up this blend are grown on our estate which is located in the Mokelumne River Sub AVA of the Lodi Appellation. The vineyard is sustainable farmed and certified green under Lodi Rules. All of varietals in this blend were planted in 2014 using a vertical shoot position trellis system. The soil is a well drained, sandy loam. The crop load was thinned prior to veraison and leaves were pull on the north side of the vine to promote healthy clusters.

Winemaker Notes
Grapes for all these lots were hand-picked in the morning and gently sorted and transferred to a temperature controlled stainless steel tank for cold soak. Must was inoculated with some carefully selected yeast strains and fermentation was done in tank. Aged 20 months in oak barrels, approximately 26% new French oak.

Vintage: 2017
Varietals: Sangiovese 45%, Cabernet Sauvignon 28%, Petite Sirah 16%, Merlot 11%
Appellation: Lodi (Mokelumne River)
TA: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.47
Aging: Oak Barrels (26% New French)
Fermentation: Inoculated
Bottling Date: 7/25/19
Alcohol %: 15
Cases: 869

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