



2018 Genevieve

(Meritage Red Blend)

Estate Grown | Lodi, California

Awards

94 Points - Gold from the Beverage Tasting Institute

Tasting Notes

This Bordeaux style blend has an alluring nose of chocolate covered strawberries, dark plumb, nutmeg and tea leaves. On the palate, it has a broad, yet elegant entry and offers flavors of blackberry, cigar box, and leather. The powerful tannins and rich dark fruits balance together in this suburb wine. The wine is full bodied and has a long finish with refined and silky tannins.

Branding Note

This wine was named "Genevieve" in honor of Co-Owner Dorothy Panella's French mother, her name was Genevieve. A French style wine named after a wonderful French born woman.

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 30% new French & American oak.

Vintage: 2018

Varietals: Cabernet Franc 23%, Merlot 20%, Petit Verdot 20%, Cabernet Sauvignon 19%, Malbec 18%

Appellation: Lodi (Mokelumne River)

TA: 6.15 g/L pH: 3.68

Aging: Oak Barrels (Approx 30% New French & American)

Fermentation: Inoculated Bottling Date: 7/27/20 Residual Sugar: 0.01%

Alcohol %: 15.2 **Cases:** 770

