

2019 Raffaele (Tuscan Style Red Blend)

Estate Grown | Lodi, California



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Tasting Notes

Aromas of raspberry, dried cherries, violets and fresh herbs. On the palate, the fruitiness of Sangiovese (75% in the blend) balances the structure and roundness given by the oak aging. Raffaele has a medium body, smooth mouth-feel and a soft dry 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 sustainably 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. The vineyard is sustainably farmed and certified green under Lodi Rules.

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 22% new French oak & American oak.

Vintage: 2019

Varietal: 75% Sangiovese, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Lodi (Mokelumne River)

Fermentation: Inoculated

Aging: French & American Oak Barrels (22% new), 20 months

TA: 6.6 g/L

pH: 3.52

Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual Sugar: 0.08%

Bottling Date: 6/3/2000

Cases Produced: 747

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