



2018 NAPA VALLEY FANTASIA

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

65% Sangiovese, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATES

October 1, 17 and 22, 2018

BRIX AT HARVEST:

Average 23.8°

MACERATION: Average 15 days

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 13 months in 8% new French oak

Overall oak profile:

80% French, 20% Hungarian

PH: 3.47 pH | **TA:** 5.80 g/L | **RS:** 0.08%

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

PRODUCTION: 786 cases (9L)

WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

HERITAGE

BORREO RANCH (65%) – In 1888, Italian immigrant and Napa grocer Felix Borreo built a stone and redwood winery on his vineyard property near Napa Soda Springs. Borreo planted new vines in addition to fruit and olive orchards. In 1992, the Miller family purchased the site, and the winery remained one of Napa's last 'ghost' wineries – until it was destroyed in the 2017 wildfires. These bottlings are the Miller family tribute to Felix Borreo and this fruitful property.

SILVERADO VINEYARD (35%) – Silverado Vineyard is home to the namesake winery. It was on this site that Harry See planted Cabernet Sauvignon in 1968 that UC Davis later designated the Disney-Silverado Heritage Clone.

SOILS + CLIMATE

The Sangiovese hails from the steep and cobbly soil of the Borreo Ranch Vineyard. The vineyard benefits from perfect western exposures to the late afternoon sun. Colder temperatures, due to the altitude and the canyon shading, make for longer growing seasons which produce bright cranberry and cherry flavors in our Sangiovese.

The sloping, gravelly soils and sunny exposure of Silverado Vineyard pairs perfectly with western exposures to the late afternoon sun and Mt. George Vineyard's cooler climate and deep volcanic soils provide depth and structure to these wines.

VINTAGE

February saw abundant rains, with filtered light in spring and early summer. Bud break occurred late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating a plentiful, even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun and cooler marine influences, uninterrupted by major heat spikes. Extended fall sunshine and moderate heat allowed fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

TASTING NOTES

A symphony of dark fruits such as cherries, plum, and black raspberries is met with pomegranate, cranberries, violets, and dried sage. Hints of sweet tobacco, cocoa, and minerality are entwined with fruit and spice. Medium-bodied with well-structured tannins.

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