



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

PREVAIL WEST FACE

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2017

The grapes for this Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blend are grown on the steep slopes of Ferrari-Carano's LookOut Mountain which sits at the junction of Alexander Valley, Knights Valley and Chalk Hill Appellations. This mountain vineyard, soaring in elevation from 500 to 1,400 feet, is comprised of ancient, weathered sandstone and sandy loam soils bearing low-yielding vines.

THE VINTAGE

The 2017 season began with record rainfall amounts during the winter, filling our reservoirs after four years of drought. Spring was mild, bringing favorable conditions during bloom, which led to a nicely set crop. We experienced more than an average number of hot days in early to mid-summer, and then record highs over Labor Day weekend. Fortunately, the vines were ready to handle the heat with adequate soil moisture supplied by all the rain.

HOW IT'S MADE

The grapes are hand harvested, and upon entering the winery, hand sorted and then gravity fed directly into oak and stainless steel tanks for five days of cold soaking. Following the cold soak, yeast is added and pump overs commence, one to two times daily, for the duration of primary fermentation. After primary fermentation, the wine is drained and pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, then aged in the wine caves for 19 months. This vintage was bottled unfined and unfiltered in June 2019.

AROMAS & FLAVORS

PreVail West Face is a delicious, full-bodied wine with lush aromas and flavors of blackberry, plums, bacon, dried blueberries, cassis, milk chocolate, vanilla, and cedar with a touch of leather on the finish. Fleshy and full, this wine has exquisite depth and lingering, firm tannins providing textural proof of this wine's age ability.

FOOD PAIRINGS

PreVail West Face pairs well with braised, roasted or barbecued meats such as chicken, red meat, lamb or pork. Pastas, stews or well-aged medium and strong-flavored cheeses, such as Taleggio, also pair nicely.

COOPERAGE

19 months in French oak, 75% new

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Syrah

Alcohol 15.1% | pH 3.94 | TA .52 g/100mL

Bottled June 2019