

Press Highlights



2019

93, Cellar Selection – WINE ENTHUSIAST, October 2021

"The winemakers (enólogos) at this producer like Alicante Bouschet, which is 50% of this blend. This young wine shows density and rich concentration, with tannins that give power. It needs time to soften, so wait until 2024."

• 91 - WINE & SPIRITS, March 4, 2022

"This wine's clay and schist soils come through in an intriguing mineral edge to the tannins, tightening around the luscious warm-plum flavors. The mineral character feels like it's integrated into the acidity and alcohol as well, taking the rooty earthiness toward sarsaparilla...this will benefit from a year or two of bottle age."

• 90 - WINE ADVOCATE, May 28, 2021

"A bit sharp and unevolved on opening, this has fine purity of fruit also some tension and grip on the big finish. It is beautifully balanced, showing mid-palate finesse to go with the fine fruit. It does probably need a little time in the cellar, but it should be in good form by mid-summer. It won't take long. At that point, its fruit should ascend to its rightful place - in charge and not secondary to the structure. I let it sit for an hour in the glass and it became fruit-forward, delicious and exuberant..."

2018

• 92 – #77 Top 100 Wines of 2020, WINE ENTHUSIAST, BEST OF YEAR ISSUE BUYING GUIDE, Dec. 2020 "Taken from a selection in the cellar, this wood-aged wine is a rich blend that includes Touriga Nacional, Alicante Bouschet, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and others. It has structure as well as powerful black-fruit flavors that come through the dark chocolate and spice accents."

2016

• **92 – WINE ENTHUSIAST**, May 2017

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2015

92 – WINE SPECTATOR, May 2017

"Anise, herb and smoky details line red plum and ripe raspberry notes in this open-knit red, whose juicy acidity eases into a tangy, mineral-lined finish, with moderate, chewy tannins. Drink now through 2019. 3,333 cases made."

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2014

• 93, Cellar Selection - WINE ENTHUSIAST, April 1, 2016