



2018 VERAH COUNOISE
ESTATE GROWN

Winemaker: David Mounts

Varietal Composition: 100% Counoise

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Vineyards: Estate grown Counoise, Tablas Creek clone, grafted on to II03P, planted in 2014. Volcanic hillside soils, Southwest facing.

Harvest dates: October 8, 2018 and October 17, 2018

Brix at harvest: average 24

Total Acidity: 5.4 g/l

pH: 3.62

Alcohol: 14.4%

Cases produced: 80

Fermentation and aging: Whole berry destemming, 4 - 5 day cold soak, 25% whole cluster fermentation, punchdowns 3 times per day. Native yeast fermentation in small, open top, one ton fermenters. Total skin contact 12 days. Barrel aged 17 months in 25% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Tasting notes: Crimson color loaded with fresh bright red fruit. Sweet plum and wild berry on the nose with hints of rose petals. Flavors of strawberry, cranberry, spice, and a touch of pepper will delight your tastebuds. Great acidity that leaves a pop on your palate. It is a very flavorful and pretty wine. Pairs well with grilled seafood, chicken, and sausage.

Aging Potential: 3 - 5 years

“Vera (roll the r), was the name of my maternal grandmother. Coincidentally David’s maternal grandmother was named Vera too. Vera means Faith in Russian. I am a first generation Russian American; both my mother and father’s side of the family came to America from Russia, by way of Persia (Iran). Faith is our daughter’s middle name, she is also the artist behind the flower designs on our Verah labels.

The Verah wines come out of our adoration for Rhône varieties, the respect for our heritage, the love we have for our family, and keeping them closely connected to the work we are passionate about.” - Lana Mounts

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