



## 2019 VERAH RHÔNE-STYLE RED BLEND

**Winemaker:** David Mounts

**Varietal Composition:** 42% Grenache, 18% Mourvèdre, 14% Cinsaut, 13% Counoise, 7% Syrah, 6% Vaccarèse

**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

**Vineyards:** All varieties are estate grown. Grenache vines are a combination of clone 362, planted in 2005 and clone 515, planted in 2010. Mourvèdre vines are Entav clone 450 planted in 2011. Cinsaut vines planted in 2010. Counoise vines are Tables Creek clone planted in 2014. Syrah vines planted in 2000. Vaccarèse vines are Tablas Creek clone planted in 2017.

**Harvest dates:** October 8, 2019 - October 15, 2019

**Brix at harvest:** 24 - 27

**Total Acidity:** 5.9 g/l

**pH:** 3.75

**Alcohol:** 15.2%

**Cases produced:** 170

**Fermentation and aging:** Grenache and Mourvèdre fermented separately. Counoise and Vaccarèse were co-fermented as well as the Cinsaut and Syrah. 4 - 5 day cold soak, punchdowns 2 times per day. Native yeast fermentation in small, open top, one ton fermenters. Total skin contact 14 days. Barrel aged 16 months in 20% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**Tasting notes:** This blend of our favorite and unique Rhône varieties was really fun to put together. Challenging yet rewarding is the best way to put it. Notes of black, dark fruit and baking spices are upfront and center. A bit of garrigue, sweet earthy soil, and blackberry compote keep this wine in balance. Petrichor and a savory finish highlight the terroir of this fruit.

**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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