## 2018 SONOMA COUNTY

# "TRIPLE THREAT" RED BLEND

60% CABERNET SAUVIGNON \* 20% CARIGNANE \* 20% PETITE SIRAH

Inaugural Vintage



**VINEYARD** 

VINEYARD: La Cienega is a family-owned and operated vineyard in the southern hills of Alexander Valley, off Chalk Hill Road. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are certified sustainable, grown on 16 acres of volcanic, loamy clay soils from 110R Rootstock, Clone 7. Hillside terrain includes up to 20% inclinations, at 400 feet elevation. Ideal climate with cool nights allows for long ripening. We employ minimally invasive farming, using drip irrigation, and returning nutrients to the soil with compost every two years.

WINEMAKING: Estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were ripened to perfection at 25 brix from mature vines. After 16 months oak-ageing we consulted friends and connoisseurs to select a unique blend with the Rhone varietals Carignane and Petite Sirah, sourced from northwest Russian River Valley. Award-winning winemaker Nova Perrill notes that "each step of the winemaking process was collaborative, from the oak in which the wine was aged, to the selection and blending of specific barrels. We had a specific goal: to produce a wine that speaks of a place and people."

**TASTING NOTES:** "The color is a deep plum. On the nose anise, fig, and huckleberry aromas. On the palate, medium bodied, velvety with flavors of dark berries and black cherry, with a hint of espresso and leather on the finish." -Sheila Jackson, Member of La Cienega Ladies Round Table

#### **FLAVOR PROFILE:**

**Aromatics:** Dark berries, black plum,

toasted vanilla

**Body/Texture:** Smooth, medium tannins

Color: Deep plum

Flavors: Dark berries, anise, espresso

### **TECHNICAL DATA:**

**Appellations:** Alexander Valley & Russian

River Valley, Sonoma

Varietals: 60% Estate Grown Cabernet

Sauvignon, 20% Carignane,

20% Petite Sirah

**Harvested:** October 3 and November 2,

2018

Cellaring: Aged 18 months with 80%

new French oak

Bottled: June 8, 2020

 Alcohol:
 14.5%

 pH:
 3.74

 Total Acidity:
 5.89 g/L

 Residual Sugar:
 .98 g/L

 Malic Acid:
 0.4 g/L

 Volatile Acidity:
 0.77 g/L

 Production:
 70 cases

**SUGGESTED PAIRINGS:** BBQ, nuts, cured meats, sharp cheeses, mushrooms, duck, lamb, hearty pasta dishes, dark chocolate.



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