



ECO TERRENO

ECO TERRENO 2017 CUVÉE TIERRA, ALEXANDER VALLEY

Great wines are not just produced, rather they are carefully cultivated. At Eco Terreno our vast experience along with time honored traditions and a healthy respect for the land help us cultivate grapes that are of the utmost quality and flavor. In 1980, after an extensive search, Founder and Winemaker Mark Lyon found a 122-acre (92 acres planted to vines) vineyard in Alexander Valley near Cloverdale. Today the Lyon and Cisne Vineyards are Demeter Biodynamic certified and are thriving under the care and guidance of Daphne Amory, an expert in biodynamic viticulture

Harvest Notes

2017

Fall produced more typical California coastal weather, with cool fog in the morning clearing to sunny skies by early afternoon with temperatures soaring up into the 90's F and the quickly cooling off following sunset. This often-meant temperature swings of up to 50° F, which is preferable for Bordeaux varietals

Lyon Vineyard was the source for our Right Bank-inspired blend of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Our Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc were co-fermented in a 10-ton fermenter, whereas the Merlot was harvested fully ripe a bit later and fermented separately. Each varietal contributes some desired attributes; Cabernet Franc contributes red fruit impressions (raspberry and cherry notes) and tobacco leaf aromatics; Petit Verdot adds color, structure, and floral aromatics and Merlot played a supporting role providing nuances of black fruits (black cherry and blueberry) and plum flavors.

Tasting Notes

Our 2017 Cuvee Tierra is a dark purple color with blue rim. The nose is suggestive of dark black cherry and boysenberry followed by hints of vanilla and baking spices. Smooth yet medium-plus in body, this wine offers rich flavors of ripe red cherry, red berries and dark chocolate with a hint of spice on the finish.

Technical Notes

AVA: Alexander Valley, 100% Estate Grown
Harvest Date: September 27, 2017
Blend: 64% Cabernet Franc; 25% Petit Verdot, 11% Merlot
Alcohol by Volume: 14.7%
TA: 0.55 g/mL
pH: 3.68
Barrels: 35% new Saury American Oak; 65% 1 & 2-year-old Saury French Oak
Time in Barrel: 14 months
Bottling Date: March 2019
19.5 L Kegs Produced: 100
Certification Made with Demeter Certified Biodynamic Grapes