

Wrath

2020 Wrath Pinot Noir, Ex Vite

Overview

Wrath represents a nexus of nature and an unbridled passion for winemaking. We produce site-driven Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, Falanghina and Sauvignon Blanc from our estate vineyard and respected properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Our production is small, our distribution is limited and our wines reveal attitude, passion, and an inherent respect for what a vineyard can give us.

Philosophy

Our wines are a record of the topography, geology and climate of a finite, naturally defined piece of land over the span of a growing season. They chronicle the elaborate dance between terroir, grape, people and time. While all of our wines possess strong varietal characteristics, their real strength is their ability to deliver the unique aromatics, flavors and textures of a specific site.

Vineyard

Our Estate San Saba Vineyard is set in a sheltered nook just below the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The estate consists of 72 acres of which 67.75 are planted to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Falanghina. This is a cool site with little rainfall and one of the longest growing seasons in the world. Our soils, Arroyo Gravelly Loam and Hanford Gravelly Sandy Loam, provide a low-vigor, well-draining, disease- and pest-free medium for our vines. They also impart a subtle mineral quality to our wines.

To preserve our local ecosystem, we have worked with viticultural consultant Steve McIntyre to develop a sustainable farming program (SIP), certified by the CCVT, Central Coast Vineyard Team, tailored to our estate. In addition to protecting the local environment, we believe it allows us to produce wines that are more authentic and specific to our terroir.



Production Notes

The name Ex Vite means “from the vine” in Latin. It's an appropriate moniker for a wine that utilizes 100% whole-clusters during the fermentation process. The 2020 vintage in Monterey began as a superb growing year that evolved into major challenges, depending on vineyard location. Heat spikes in mid-August and early September caused white grapes to ripen and get harvested earlier than usual which was a blessing because a lightning strike caused the River Fire in northern Monterey County that burned for 19 days. Wrath was lucky our vineyard was far enough away so our crop was not affected but we suffered for our neighbors further north. Our grapes are handpicked and hand sorted. Clones are kept in separate lots during fermentation and barrel aging. Once fermented to dryness, lots are aged in an assortment of French oak barrels for added complexity. Wines are barrel aged for around 10 months before bottling. The bottled wine rests again for another 12 months before release.

Technical Data

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	San Saba Vineyard
AVA	Monterey
Clones	Swan – 75%; 13%-667 and 12%-115
Oak	French oak, 30% new
Alcohol	14.3
Cases produced	159
Suggested Retail	\$38