

# Press Highlights



### 2021

• 95, Tasting Panel - September 2024

"A blend of Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Nacional, and Touriga Franca. Silky and seductive, with violets winding around the tongue, luring boysenberry into a dense dance of near decadence. Saved by a fine acid structure, this stunning red stays focused, energetic, juicy, and balanced."

## 2020

- 92, Editor's Choice WINE ENTHUSIAST December 2022 Issue
- "Ripe and generous Alicante Bouschet dominates this powerful, dark-colored wine. The black-plum fruits and solid tannins will take time to integrate. Drink this rich wine from 2024."
- 91 JAMES SUCKLING, January 2024
- "This shows notes of mocha, brewed tea, dates and spiced cherries. It's spicy, chewy and medium- to full-bodied, with meaty tannins. Drink or hold."

#### 2019

- 93, Cellar Selection WINE ENTHUSIAST, October 2021
- "The winemakers (enólogos) at this producer like Alicante Bouschet, which is 50% of this blend. This young wine shows density and rich concentration, with tannins that give power. It needs time to soften, so wait until 2024."
- 91 WINE & SPIRITS, March 4, 2022
- "This wine's clay and schist soils come through in an intriguing mineral edge to the tannins, tightening around the luscious warm-plum flavors. The mineral character feels like it's integrated into the acidity and alcohol as well, taking the rooty earthiness toward sarsaparilla...this will benefit from a year or two of bottle age."
- 90 WINE ADVOCATE, May 28, 2021
- "A bit sharp and unevolved on opening, this has fine purity of fruit also some tension and grip on the big finish. It is beautifully balanced, showing mid-palate finesse to go with the fine fruit. It does probably need a little time in the cellar, but it should be in good form by mid-summer. It won't take long. At that point, its fruit should ascend to its rightful place in charge and not secondary to the structure. I let it sit for an hour in the glass and it became fruit-forward, delicious and exuberant..."

# 2018

• 92 – #77 Top 100 Wines of 2020, WINE ENTHUSIAST, BEST OF YEAR ISSUE BUYING GUIDE, Dec. 2020 "Taken from a selection in the cellar, this wood-aged wine is a rich blend that includes Touriga Nacional, Alican

"Taken from a selection in the cellar, this wood-aged wine is a rich blend that includes Touriga Nacional, Alicante Bouschet, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and others. It has structure as well as powerful black-fruit flavors that come through the dark chocolate and spice accents."

# 2016

• **92 – WINE ENTHUSIAST**, May 2017

"A blend of the winemakers' two favorite vats, this is intended to give the best impression of the vintage. It's bold, ripe and full of dark fruit and big tannins. With nine months of barrel age, it has filled out and will be ready to drink from 2019."