



EROE 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

STORY

We forged a wine to champion inherent strength, to celebrate the brave and majestic eagle that emerges from within us to fight by our side. Eroe raises a glass to the strong willed, the unwavering, and the persevering. This is a wine for heroes that were made, not born.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2018 vintage was a warm growing season, producing wines with big and concentrated flavors. The year began with cooler than average temperatures in April which delayed budbreak, followed by a very warm May. Conditions at bloom were ideal, with quick and consistent fruit set leading to a larger crop. This required additional thinning to ensure that balance was maintained in the vineyard. Moving into summer, temperatures warmed up significantly in July & August, setting up the vintages to be one of the warmest. In September, temperatures cooled significantly allowing for ideal ripening conditions.

WINEMAKING NOTES

As we often do, especially given the diversity of the vineyard sources, we made several harvest passes for the 2018, resulting in several distinct fermentations in Taransaud oak fermenters, a La Garde stainless-steel tank and several 500L roller barrels. This blending of our lots produces our best results. We began hand-picking the Merlot on September 19th, followed by the Cabernet Sauvignon on October 4th and 12th; we finished harvest picking the Petit Verdot on October 18th. Once in the winery, the grapes were gently destemmed and lightly broken. Each lot received a 4-day cold soak before the grapes started conversion to wine. Maceration time on skins was 24-31 days, followed by a gentle pressing then transfer to barrels where Malolactic fermentation began. Selection began almost immediately, as the barrels were assessed and chosen for their unique character and distinct profile.

AWARDS



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DESCRIPTION

Designed from the top four barrels of the entire winemaking program, with the intention of offering the truest expression of Red Mountain. Eloquently showcasing the purity of “place,” the Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot hail from the Blackwood Canyons vineyard, which provides the firm structure and concentrated flavors. A touch of Merlot from the famed Klipsun vineyard accentuates the aromatic complexity and rounds out the sharp edges of the muscular tannins. The 2018 Eroe is more refined than the inaugural 2017 vintage with perfumed aromatics, superb tension, exquisite concentration, and a firm set of tannins for a wine with iconic structure.

TASTING NOTES

An intricate and intoxicating nose of dark cherry, black currant, cinnamon, espresso, almond paste, and morel mushrooms. Below the beautiful aromatic complexities is a mineral component reminiscent of petrichor. The palate is dense with layers of blue & black fruit, sweet oak spice, bay leaf, and a show-stopping drawn-out mineral finish. The grandest texture and volume along with firmly structured tannins frame this iconic wine. In the pursuit of making the best Cabernet Sauvignon possible, the 2018 vintage will be remembered as when the stars aligned to showcase the glory of mother nature in a near perfect vintage, resulting in a wine of the highest regard. We are honored to present to you for your enjoyment the 2018 Eroe, a wine for heroes that were made, not born. Santé!

TECHNICAL SPECS

COMPOSITION: 92% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 6% MERLOT, 2% PETIT VERDOT
APPELLATION: RED MOUNTAIN AVA
VINEYARD: BLACKWOOD CANYON (EST. 1983), KLIPSUN (EST. 1990)
MACERATION: 24-31 DAYS
AGING: BARREL AGED FOR 26 MONTHS IN HIGH-TIER 85% NEW FRENCH OAK
PRODUCTION SIZE: 94 CASES
WINEMAKER: PHILIPPE MELKA, MAAYAN KOSCHITZKY, EVEN JOHANSEN
ALCOHOL: 15.6%
TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.8 G/L
PH: 3.88
DECANT: OPEN 2 HOURS PRIOR TO ENJOYMENT TO REVEAL THE WINE'S COMPLEXITY