

GHOSTWRITER

WINES OF THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

The Ghostwriter is about Santa Cruz and it's many terroirs, old heritage vineyards, and the light, acid driven, pretty, perfumey style of wine that it is capable of. "Ghostwriter" represents the idea that a wine may be the pages that contain a story, but that the story itself belongs to the sites, the vines, and the vintage. The winemaker, when successful, may be a lively storyteller, but only that.

BATES RANCH

Our Bates Ranch story would not be complete without mentioning the many bottles spanning many vintages of Val and Dexter Alhgren's Bates Ranch Cabernets that we have been drinking since about 2001. When they retired and we began farming their estate vineyard, we also fortuitously inherited their original block of Cab at Bates Ranch. The vineyard is located along historic Redwood Retreat Road near Mt. Madonna on the Gilroy side of the Southern Santa Cruz Mountains. The small block that we exclusively work with was planted in 1973 near the top of the property above 1000 feet. Due to low production, part of the block was torn out years ago and is being replanted now. We continue to work with what remains of the original dry-farmed block - scattered vines that comprise a little over an acre in total.

The 2013 vintage is our first vintage of Bates Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon. Stylistically, we have tried to keep the wine in the spirit of the Santa Cruz Mountains and what we always have loved about the Alhgren wines. Short extraction, 10% whole cluster, 25% new French oak. Aged 19 months in the cellar.



soot and diesel
hang heavy in the early cold as the
nearly extinct Lamborghini fires up
and we tie on our boots,
zip up our coats and
defend ourselves with coffee
for this kind of day and
the work ahead of us.
the inevitable discomfort
as we coalesce with this place,
it's narrative and
the creatures that own it.
how they hold their place
in the ground
their memories buried
their stories unrecovered

and sometimes gently,
sometimes just wanting to be done with it,
we force our way across this timeline
tiptoeing around the crop marks
hanging out
like tiny footnotes

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VINTAGE 2013



Cabernet Sauvignon

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ALC. 13.3% BY VOL.

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TECHNICAL INFO

HARVEST:

Sept. 13, 2013

ALCOHOL:

13.3% by Volume

PH:

3.49

R.S.:

0.01%

TA:

7.0 g/L

PRODUCTION:

342 cases

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