

FORSAKING  
THE MUSTER LIST  
PINOT NOIR  
POTTER VALLEY  
VECINO VINEYARD  
2019  
pH: 3.59  
TA: 6.45 g/L  
12.1% Alcohol  
Cases: 429



“FORSAKING THE MUSTER LIST” OUR 11TH VINTAGE OF VECINO VINEYARD POTTER VALLEY PINOT NOIR IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE BACK IN THE FOLK MACHINE STABLE. WE HAVE LOST 3 OF THE LAST 10 VINTAGES TO FIRE AND/OR SMOKE SO EACH VINTAGE THAT WE BOTTLE IS PRECIOUS. SAID MANY TIMES, BUT STILL...THE DRIVE INTO POTTER VALLEY IS IDYLIC WITH IT’S OLD FARMHOUSES, SCATTERED VINEYARDS, GRAZING LIVESTOCK, AND FORESTED HILLSIDES. I ALWAYS FEEL A LITTLE OF THE WEIGHT OF LIFE LIFT WHEN I MAKE THE TURN FROM HWY 20. MORE THAN EVER, THE CRAZIER IT ALL GETS, THE MORE TRUE THIS IS. A MUSTER LIST IN THE MARITIME WORLD IS A LIST OF JOBS THAT EACH CREW MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. THIS VINTAGE IS DEDICATED TO PLAN B WHEN THOSE IN CHARGE CAN’T HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY.

LUKE MILLER HAS BEEN A FRIEND AND AN INCREDIBLY RELIABLE AND DILLIGENT GROWER OF OURS SINCE 2007. TRUE TO OUR ROMANTIC EUROPEAN NOTIONS OF GRAPEGROWING, LUKE AND VECINO ARE INSEPARABLE. HE IS A MAN WITH A VINEYARD AND A MAN WHO IS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT HIS VINEYARD. HE IS OBSESSED WITH UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS GOING ON AND GROWING THE BEST GRAPES THAT THE SITE CAN. THE 40 ACRES ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY PERSONALLY TENDED BY HIM AND JUST ONE OTHER PERSON. THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND METICULOUS CARE IS WHY THE WINE IS CONSISTENT AND ALWAYS IMPROVING.

WE HARVESTED ROUGHLY 50% EACH OF CLONES POMMARD AND 115 THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7TH. LIKE THE LAST FEW VINTAGES, 70% WHOLE CLUSTER IN THE FERMENTATION, 30% DESTEMMED. AND THEN, I ALWAYS SAY, THE WORK IN A WAY ENDED THERE. THERE WAS NO COLD SOAK, NO INOCULATION, NO ADDITIONS OF ANY KIND, AND VERY FEW PUNCH-DOWNS. SOME CARBONIC AROMAS MADE THEIR WAY TO THE TOP OF THE TANK, THE CAP GOT FUNKY, AND EVENTUALLY, THE FERMENTATION BEGAN, THEN FINISHED, AND THE WINE WAS PRESSED TO BARRELS. THE MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION, ALSO UNINOCULATED, WENT THROUGH IN BARRELS AND WINE WAS KEPT ON THE LEES UNTIL BOTTLING.

THE VECINO VINEYARD IS CERTIFIED ORGANIC BY CCOF AND BIODYNAMIC BY DEMETER. IT SITS AT 700 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL INBETWEEN LAKE PILLSBURY AND LAKE MENDOCINO.

THE 2019 LABEL WAS DESIGNED BY BENOIT TARDEFF IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

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