

Alicante Bouschet

Available in 750 mL bottles



AMERICAN RED WINE

Vintage: 2021

Varietals:

- Alicante 83%
- Malbec 17%

Vineyard: Caterina Vineyards

Location: Lodi, CA

PROFILE

A native of France, Alicante is known and grown particularly for its deep, rich color. This color is derived not only from the skins, but from the grape's unique red inner flesh. A bit of a rarity in California, Alicante is grown almost exclusively in the central valley of the Lodi region.

While the growing climate dictates the approachability of this wine, from easy-drinking to sharp, stand-alone Alicante tends to be full bodied with high levels of tannins and high alcohol. Spicy and smoky notes are common, but this grape is chiefly fruit-forward.

DETAILS

Bottling Date: 02/17/2023

Case Production: 65

ABV: 13.4

Residual Sugar: 0.6 %

Final TA: 7.2 g/L

pH: 3.23

Free SO₂: 30 ppm

WINEMAKING

FERMENTATION

9 days

One ton of Alicante grapes were imported in the Fall of 2021. Upon arrival, clusters were destemmed and crushed before entering maceration tubs where they cold-soaked for 24 hours prior to fermentation. This process helps to achieve greater extraction of color and flavor from the grape skins. Yeast for this fermentation was selected to help enhance the complexity and structure of the finished wine. Fermentation was completed in nine days, after which grapes were then transferred to a press. Juice was racked off into a stainless-steel tank and skins were removed.

AGING

15 months

This wine was aged on American oak chips with a medium char toast for 15 months. The blending of Malbec helped to add some body and structure to this wine.

TASTING NOTES

Aroma

This wine offers balanced and inviting aromas of cherry, black pepper, and cedar.

Taste

In a steady progression, this red changes from bright and fruity with dominant notes of sweet black cherry, to heartier and more concentrated notes of sweet tobacco and oak.

Serving & Pairing Suggestions

Best served at room temp. Try pairing this Alicante Bouschet with classic barbecue flavors!

TASTING CHART

