

La Storia

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2018



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 season had an interesting but moderate mix of conditions. The year started slow with little pressure from the weather providing the grapes with a long hang time to develop ripeness and flavor maturity without over ripening. In early October, Mother Nature delivered a quick tango of heavy rain that prompted us to use canopy management techniques to open the fruit zone, allowing the sun and wind to dry out the remaining fruit. Even though more than an inch of rain fell during the middle of harvest, it had no impact on Cabernet and little or no impact on Zinfandel grapes. Overall, fruit quality has been excellent with very little shrivel and no rot. Our harvest began at somewhat normal time almost a month later than the 2017.

The grapes for our 2018 Cabernet were harvested at the end of October 15th and October 19th, 2018. After destemming and cold soaking for 3 days the grapes were fermented using native and “designer” yeast for average of 10 days. Post fermentation all lots were put through extended maceration for another 30-40 days. The wine was aged for 20 months in 23% new French and other European Oak barrels and the rest in neutral oak barrels.

Our 2018 La Storia Cab has a dense ruby-purple color followed by abundant varietal aromas and flavors of blueberries, blackberry, and black licorice with hint of herbs and ripe olives. The predominately French oak aging contributes aromas of vanilla, cocoa dust and slight toast. The mouth feel is medium dense, fresh and juicy with balanced acidity and very soft tannins for a young wine. The alcohol content is balanced and the acidity is relatively high suggesting excellent longevity for this wine. Drink now or age for 5-7 years. Cheers.

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TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL	PRODUCTION	AGING
78 % Cabernet Sauvignon 11% Malbec 9% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc 1% Sangiovese	3991 Cases BOTTLED June, 2020	20 months in 23 % new French and European Oak
APPELLATION	RELEASE DATE	ALCOHOL
Alexander Valley	October 2020	14.5%
WINEMAKER		RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.4%
Miro Tcholakov		pH 3.69
		TOTAL ACID .63g/100ml