

La Storia

Cuveé 32

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE

RED WINE

2020



WINEMAKER NOTES

It would be easy to say that 2020 grape harvest season was challenging but that would be a great understatement. Between the fires, the smoke and COVID-19 safety guidelines, stress levels were at all-time high for all winemakers throughout the West Coast. I have 20 harvests at Trentadue (30 total in California) under my belt, but this one was absolutely the most challenging vintage of my career (the previous was 2019). The vintage started early and finished earlier than usual. We harvested most Zinfandel blocks and some Petite Sirah before the Labor Day heatwave but all the Bordeaux variety grapes still had weeks to ripen on the vine so we gave them the time to recover. Due to the small crop, the wines are very concentrated and lush.

Our 2020 Cuvee 32 is the 23rd vintage of this blend for Trentadue Winery. In retrospect our "Super Tuscan" blend has been highly successful and consistently our top selling wine in the Tasting Room. Every vintage has uniquely different blend determined by the best expression of its components and how they work together. Our young Montepulciano has become an important player in the blend as well as our Brunello Clone Sangiovese. The 2020 had a moderate to low yields therefore produced wines with dark red color, bright fruit and firm acidity and well-structured tannins destined to age well. The 2020 Cuvee 32 has intense cherry/cassis aromas contributed by the Sangiovese followed by deeper red fruit aromas of plums, blueberry, and a hint of pomegranate. Typical for the blend is an enticing mixture of herbs and spices making the wine particularly enjoyable with Italian style food. With more air the wine shows more complex yet still in developing stage aromas and flavors of cocoa, cinnamon, leather, and black licorice. The mouth feel is medium to full with relatively high, food friendly acidity and a long and fresh finish. Drink now through 2029. Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL	PRODUCTION	ALCOHOL
31% Sangiovese	1,042 Cases	14.7%
27% Montepulciano	BOTTLED	RESIDUAL SUGAR
23% Malbec	June 9th, 2022	.25%
16% Syrah	RELEASE DATE	pH
2% Zinfandel	July, 2022	3.56
1% Merlot	AGING	TOTAL ACID
APPELLATION	19 months in 24% new French oak.	.66g/100ml
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Miro Tcholakov	100% barrel aged	