

2019

Marbles

Pocai Vineyard Zinfandel

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 vintage is bursting with vibrant, dynamic flavors. Sunny red berries and dried jamaica flowers are accented with notes of orange zest, black pepper, and star anise. Concentrated and complex, the palate is a balanced interplay of vibrant acidity, silky tannins, and a fresh wash of minerality.

VINEYARD NOTES

Pocai Vineyard lies at the base of a gentle alluvial fan in the Calistoga AVA, framed by mountain ranges at the northernmost end of the Napa Valley. Well-drained gravelly soil, optimum sunlight, and hot summer days tempered by cool coastal breezes in the evening provide perfect ripening conditions for expressive Zinfandel. The Ballentine family draws on their 100-year heritage of farming this site, first planted by the maternal grandfather, Libero Pocai. Supple, pure, layered and bursting with energy, the spirited personality of the resulting wine is testament to the pedigree of the land.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing season started with ample rains and welcome soil saturation. An uncharacteristically wet May kept vintners on their toes overseeing vigorous vine growth and a delayed bloom. A long Indian summer followed with mild temperatures, allowing the fruit to ripen at a slow, even pace. This enabled winegrowers to manage picking schedules for optimal ripeness and quality in the fruit. The resulting wines are exceptional and elegant.



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Zinfandel.

APPELLATION

Calistoga

VARIETAL

100% Zinfandel

VINEYARD

Pocai

BARREL COMPOSITION

25% New French Oak

BARREL AGING

14 Months

ALCOHOL

15.3%

WINEMAKER

Alison Frichtl Hollister
Megan Gunderson

ACCOLADES

90 Points
Virginie Boone
Wine Enthusiast