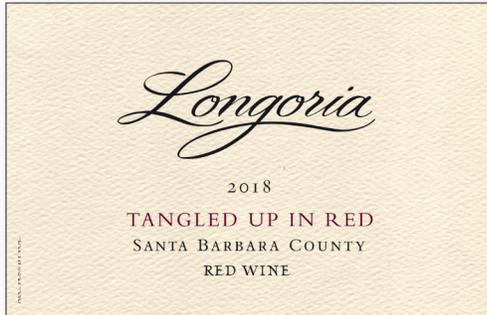


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2018 TANGLED UP IN RED

Santa Barbara County – Red Wine Blend

Inspiration

In my pursuit of making the best wine possible I conduct many different blending trials. In 2016 I created a blend which consisted of so many different varietals that I humorously saw myself tangled up in wine. That inspired me to name this blend Tangled Up in Red, referencing a well-known 1970's song. This wine was sold exclusively in kegs to the highly regarded Industrial Eats restaurant in Buellton. Recently we've had so many requests from customers to purchase bottles of this wine that we decided to bottle a small amount, only 21 cases.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Composition: Grenache (39%)

Tempranillo (32%)

Syrah (24%)

Merlot (5%)

Production: 21 cases

Alcohol by volume: 14.8%

pH: 3.83

Titrateable acidity: 0.56g/100ml

Cellaring potential: Two to four years

Bottle price: \$35.00

The Harvest

Mild temperatures during the 2018 growing season extended the harvest well into October. All four grape varietals were harvested between October 9th and October 31st with an average sugar content of 24.6 to 26.0 Brix.

Winemaking

Every lot in this blend was 100% destemmed and crushed into a small, open top fermenter. The must was cold soaked for an average of three days, before the addition of a yeast culture to begin fermentation. Fermentation lasted an average of 12 days. The wines were pressed off, settled then transferred to oak barrels and aged for 21 months. 6% of the barrels were new French and American oak and the remaining barrels were neutral. The blend was lightly filtered and bottled in August 2020.

The Wine

The wine has a dark ruby color. The aromas are reminiscent of mixed berry jam and dried cherries. On the palate the wine has a soft, rich texture with flavors of mixed berries and ripe cherries. The wine is full-bodied but has enough acidity to provide a long and persistent finish.

Food Pairings

This wine will pair well with a variety of foods including spicy Mediterranean and Indian cuisine, barbeque pork and rich cheeses.

Rick Longoria, Winemaker
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