

VINEYARD SERIES

2016 CUORE DELLA VIGNA



VINTAGE

2016

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

63% Sangiovese, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Cabernet Franc and 10% Merlot

APPELLATION

Paso Robles

VINEYARD

- 78% Acquarello Estate Vineyard
- 12% Ranchita Vista Estate Vineyard
- 10% Domenico Estate Vineyard

TASTING NOTES

Strawberry and cherry notes subside to reveal an earthy dustiness. A complex flavor profile of ripe berries, peppery spice, ginger, chocolate and caramelized sugar leads to a rustic finish. The body, tannins and acidity create synergy and pop on the palate.

VINTAGE NOTES

- Parched vineyards were soothed by rainfall during the winter and early spring.
- Temperatures peaked by July and turned to far milder conditions over the growing season than the years prior, cooling off after the start of harvest
- A slight break in harvest occurred in mid-September before the majority of grapes were harvested in October, distinguished by a heartening return to typical yields.

FROM VINE TO BOTTLE

As a tribute to the Italian heritage of our proprietor, this super Tuscan-style blend is a reflection of Italy's grape varieties through the lens of Paso Robles' unique terroir. The Sangiovese exhibits robust, sunbaked tannins with fruit-driven muscularity, while the Bordeaux varietals elevate the red fruit flavors and add to the mid-structure.

CASE PRODUCTION

290 cases bottled on August 9, 2018

HARVEST

October 4-7, 2016 at 24.7 avg. Brix

COOPERAGE

Aged 21 months in 17% new American oak with medium plus toast

CHEMISTRY

ALCOHOL	14.0%	RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.31 g/L
pH	3.52	TITRABLE ACIDITY	6.1 g/L

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

91 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2019

90 Points – *Vinous* 2020

Gold – 92 Points – *Winemaker Challenge Int'l*, 2019