

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2013
TANNAT
CALIFORNIA • “PALINDROME”

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION
Sonoma & Solano County

COMPOSITION
100% Tannat

ALCOHOL
15.4%

PH
3.55

TOTAL ACIDITY
0.66g / 100ml

BARRELS
20% New French Oak
80% American Oak

RELEASE DATE
December 7th, 2014

CASES PRODUCED
1200

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$30

VINEYARD NOTES

Tannat is a red wine grape historically grown in South West France in the Madiran AOC and is now one of the most prominent grapes in Uruguay, where it is considered the “national grape.” This Tannat is a blend from two different vineyards in two separate climates. The first is a warm weather Tannat coming from Gene Gleaser’s Vineyard in Solano County and the other is cool weather Tannat coming from Russian River.

PRODUCTION

The Glaeser Tannat was picked on the 12th of September 2013 and was split into two lots to ferment, Both saw a 5 day cold soak, and were then inoculated with AMH yeast to one lot and BM 45 yeast to the other lot on the same day. After a healthy 13-day fermentation, the lots were pressed together and taken down to 10% new French oak, and the rest neutral barrels.

The England Shaw Tannat was picked a bit later on the 30th of September 2013. This was fermented as one big lot using the D254 yeast strain. After a two-week fermentation, we pressed and came down to 10% new French oak and the rest neutral barrels. Tannat can be quite tannic, so too much wood tannin is a no-no.

WINE MAKER COMMENTS

Following suit with the rest of the 2013 vintage-this may be the best Tannat we’ve ever made. Aromas of graham cracker, marshmallow, chocolate, blueberry and herbs jump to the top of the glass followed by sultry flavors of black cherry, plum, rose petal, cappuccino, pipe tobacco and a raspberry finish.

Awards

92 Points - 2015 San Francisco International Wine Competition