

# Rock Wall

## WINE COMPANY

### 2015

## ROMANCER

### HERINGER VINEYARD

#### VINEYARD NOTES

Heringer Vineyard: The Romancer was named by my iphone. Originally, we purchased fruit from the Rominger Vineyard for this blend. One day while walking the vineyard and taking notes in my iphone about different varieties, it kept autocorrecting Rominger to Romancer. I tried to correct my phone, but it insisted I was the one who was mistaken, and Romancer was what I really meant. I can take a hint from the universe, so the blend of the three varieties was deemed "Romancer," and amorous it is. The Romancer is a blend of equal parts of Malbec, Mourvedre, and Petit Verdot, all from Heringer Vineyard located in Clarksburg. This vineyard is a family run operation that is 7 generations strong. Mike Heringer and his family are on my same wavelength, growing obscure varieties, that I call "oddballs."

#### PRODUCTION

We picked three beautiful lots of equal parts Malbec, Mourvedre and Petit Verdot on September 30th, 2015. We crushed these three lots into a stainless steel tank "layer cake style" meaning; one ton Malbec, one ton Mourvedre, one ton PV, one ton Malbec...you get the idea. This gives us a true co-fermentation so the varieties can get to know each other in tank and fall in love during fermentation. The result of co-fermentation is a more focused and more complex finished wine. We inoculated the tank with MT yeast which is a yeast isolate from Saint Emilion in France. It had a healthy 10-day fermentation where we pumped it over two times per day. Post fermentation we brought it down to all neutral oak. The thought process behind neutral oak is to give the wine the structure and tannin benefits from the oak, without compromising the pure fruit flavors the three varieties.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This threesome fits together like soulmates. Romancer is brimming with aromas of ripe blackberry, blueberry muffin, sage, graham cracker, freshly dried pipe tobacco, followed by flavors of chocolate puffs, lavender, black raspberry, fragrant violet, black cherry and a savory black tea finish. Please enjoy this with someone you love.

#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

##### APPELLATION

Clarksburg

##### COMPOSITION

34% Malbec  
33% Mourvedre  
33% Petit Verdot

##### ALCOHOL

12.8%

##### PH

3.67

##### TOTAL ACIDITY

0.61g / 100ml

##### BARRELS

All neutral oak

##### CASES PRODUCED

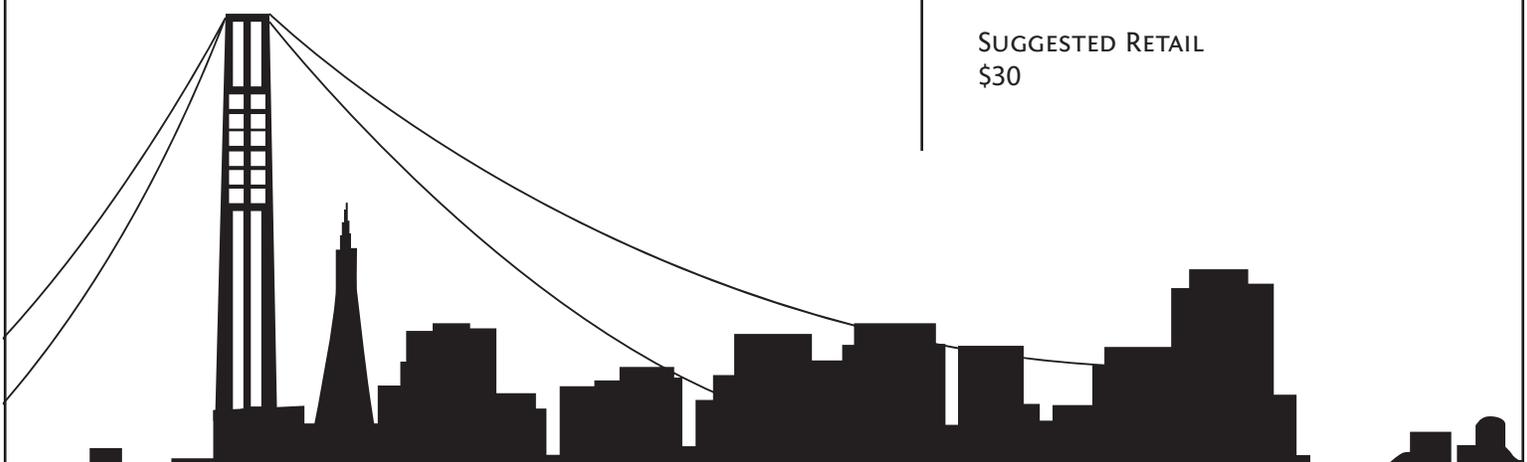
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##### SUGGESTED RETAIL

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