

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2016 MONTEPULCIANO ISABELLA FRANCESCA VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

The Isabella Francesca Vineyard is located in Brentwood and is surrounded by scenic cherry orchards. Originally, this vineyard was planted to Merlot, but in 2007, it was grafted over to Sangiovese and Montepulciano, which were sold to winemakers on the East Coast. Then I came along, and now we take the entire vineyard.

Production

Pick Date: 9/11/16

Yeast: Native

Fermentation: 8-day fermentation in macro bins

Malolactic: None

Bottled: 5/2017

Winemaker Comments

I feel the need to gush over this wine a little bit. It is such a beautiful garnet red color and it is light-bodied, restrained, and yet quite flavorful at the same time. The oak puncheon aging gave it a beautiful structure which is sort of a surprise based on the color and viscosity of the wine. This delicate beauty has gorgeous aromas of cherry vanilla, pomegranate, rose petal, sage, and clean rocks washed in river water (a.k.a. minerality) followed by round flavors of strawberry rhubarb, plum raspberry, and cranberry.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

Contra Costa County

COMPOSITION

100% Montepulciano

ALCOHOL

13.54%

pH

3.55

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0G/100ML

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.57G / 100ML

BARRELS

100% neutral French oak

RELEASE DATE

April 2018

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$30