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Vineyards and Winery



2019 ELDORADO NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Eldorado Noir is a truly unique dessert wine made from primarily Black Muscat grapes grown in the Russian River Valley.

THE VINTAGE 2019 began with rain that brought our total rainfall to well above the annual average amount. March was cooler and wetter than normal, which led to later bud break and bloom dates. Summer brought typical warm weather to Sonoma County, heating up even more later in August and September. Favorable weather continued allowing the grapes the "hang time" needed to develop ripe, jammy flavors.

HOW IT'S MADE The grapes for this wine are sorted and destemmed to stainless steel tanks for three days of cold soaking. Following the cold soak, yeast is added and pump overs commence, one to two times daily, for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is drained and pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

TASTE The 2019 Eldorado Noir is a rich and captivating dessert wine that opens with a deeply expressive nose. Aromas of blackstrap molasses, dried rose petals, and concentrated cola syrup intertwine to create an enticingly complex bouquet. On the palate, it delivers decadence, coating the mouth with the flavors of sweet black cherry preserves and dried Mission fig. Subtle hints of candied orange peel brighten the finish, providing a beautiful balance to its opulent sweetness.

FOOD PAIRINGS Eldorado Noir is exceptional paired with rich, decadent chocolate desserts, as well as vanilla bean ice cream or bread pudding with plum or persimmons. Fruit-based tarts, shortcakes, fruitcakes, pumpkin pie, pecan pie or baked apples also pair nicely with this wine.

COOPERAGE

6 months in neutral French oak

TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION 85% Black Muscat, 13% Muscat Canelli, 1% Zinfandel, 1% other

ALCOHOL 12.0% | **PH** 3.80 | **TA** 6.30 g/L | **RS** 12.6%

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