



# FERRARI-CARANO

*Vineyards and Winery*

## ELDORADO NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2017

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

### GRAPES

Black Muscat

### AROMAS & FLAVORS

This velvety wine has a beautiful dark, purple color with lush aromas of rose petals, dried blueberries, and caramel leading to a wine that bursts with luscious blueberry, cherry pie and black raspberries on the palate.

### HOW IT'S MADE

The grapes from our Russian River Valley vineyard are sorted and destemmed to a 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 neutral barrels for malolactic fermentation and five months of cave aging before bottling in April 2018.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2017 season began with record rainfall in the winter, filling our reservoirs after four years of drought. Spring was mild, bringing favorable conditions during bloom. As the season continued, we experienced more than an average number of hot days early to mid-summer and record highs over Labor Day. After the heat spike, harvest was delayed by couple of rainstorms, but fortunately this did not affect the crop. The grapes were ready to be picked a week earlier than the previous year.

### 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

100% older barrels

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol/pH/TA/RS: 13%/3.73/.62/12.6%

Bottled: April 2018

Release: Spring 2019



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