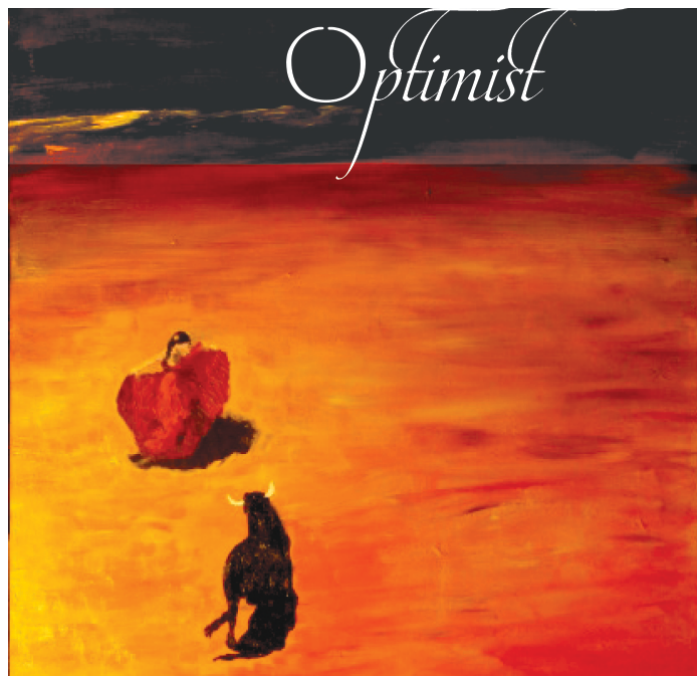


2019 OPTIMIST



VITALS

Varietals	Syrah 60%, Cabernet Franc 30%, Viognier 7%, Roussanne 3%
Vineyards	John Sebastiano, Two Wolves, Watch Hill
Alcohol	14.6%
Barrels / Coopers	400 & 300L French oak barrels, 40% new
Barrel Aging	26 months
Rackings	Two
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	February 2022
Total SO at bottling	< 70 ppm
Production	250 cases
Release	Winter 2022
Winery Retail	\$60
WA	95
JD	93

NOTES

There's a song that comes on when I smell and taste this wine. It's not always the same song, but it is invariably one that sings about the sharing of simple pleasures with friends and about the pursuit of passion...maybe it is preparing a meal over an open fire together in a late Spring cherry orchard, or taking in the afternoon sun and the sweet salt air on a boat with your best mates...

Vitals: Cabernet Franc and a small percentage of Viognier lend a playful lightheartedness to the darker, more serious notes imparted by Santa Rita Hills Syrah and Watch Hill Roussanne, all of which were co-fermented on native yeasts and raised for two years in seasoned 300L cigar-shaped and 400L barrels.

Food: the hearty tomato-bean-bread soup* from the Plenty cookbook, pizza Margherita, or pain a tomate, or grilled cheese with tomato soup - really anything that combines tomato with some form of bread. *actually made with chickpeas but I like butter beans better in it

Music: One of these things first, Nick Drake; Rolling Sea, Vetiver; Diamonds on the Soles of her Shoes, Paul Simon; Cripple Crow, Devendra Banhart; Jack of Fools, Spencer Cullum; Locket, Crumb; I wish I knew..., Nina Simone; I'll Find A Way, Ted Lucas; Kooks, Bowie (BBC recordings)