

## 2019 VERVE

## VITALS



Varietals	Grenache 70%, Syrah 18%, Roussanne 12%
Vineyards	Watch Hill, John Sebastiano
Alcohol	14.8%
Barrels / Coopers	500L puncheon, 300L cigar barrels (all seasoned French oak) and 20% stainless
Barrel Aging	25 months
Rackings	1-2
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	February 2022
Total SO2 at bottling	< 75 ppm
Production	190 cases
Release	Fall 2022
Winery Retail	\$90
WA	96

## NOTES

Mmmmh! As only Grenache can, this lovely edition of Verve somehow combines a number of opposite qualities in a dramatically charged range; the gentle carries of a strong hand; a female athlete's energy and the old-world dustiness of Italy's aristocracy; finely toned muscle and a generous softness; vibrant red fruit and black tea; the familiar perfume of flowers and the strange attraction of fresh tar...like Miles Davis' solo on 'Kix' two thirds of the way into the tune. If it weren't for the possibility of such exquisite tension, I'm not sure that making Grenache would hold any interest...it's temperamental and hard work every step of the way.

Vitals: Salvador and Susanna at Watch Hill grow the beautiful Grenache and Roussanne that make up the majority of this composition for us. In 2019 we picked both very early and quite late to capture the available range; these are further complicated by Kimsey Masal Syrah and were left on their lees in seasoned 400&500L barrels and never saw the light of day until about two years after the vintage.

Food: Most anything with mushrooms \\ a hearty Fall stew (doesn't need to be meat-based) \\ or the holy trinity of a deluxe grilled cheese, tomato soup, and an assertive salad

Music: Jazz (We've Got It), Tribe Called Quest // The Nubian Queens, Nicola Conte // West End Blues, L. Armstrong // Marseille, Ahmad Jamal // Zombie, Fela Kuti // Kix, Miles Davis