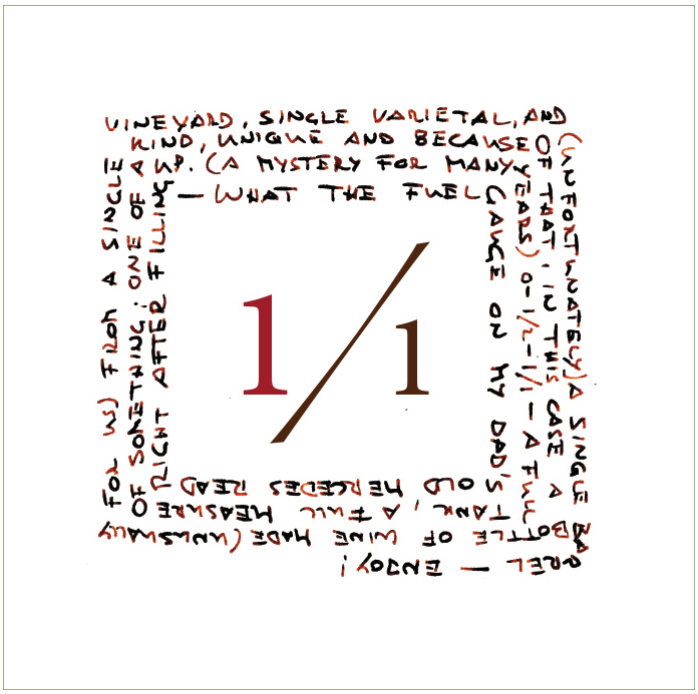
Sanguis

2019 1/1 Syrah



Vitals

Varietals	Syrah 91%, Viognier 9%
Vineyards	John Sebastiano, Watch Hill
Alcohol	14.4%
Barrels / Coopers	400L new French oak barrels
Barrel Aging	27 months
Rackings	Two
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	February 2022
Total SO2 at bottling	< 60 ppm
Production	25 cases
Release	Winter 2022
Winery Retail	$125
WA	97

Notes

The most succinct Syrah barrel of the year, 1/1 is rarely the biggest of them, but rather the one with the most enchanting personality and athletic agility, always elegant, like a body that is beautiful to behold both in stylish dress and unclothed. This 2019 edition announces itself with vibrant color, beckons with a crazy exotic perfume that marries images of a Tunisian spice market with that of Japanese cherry trees in bloom, and finally convinces with an eloquent presence that likes to linger on the palate long after departing your mouth…a line from Giorgio Seferis "the sun in your eyes, birds on your shoulders" comes to mind…

Vitals: from a wind-swept parcel of the John Sebastiano vineyard, planted to stubbornly idiosyncratic own-rooted Estrella-Syrah vines, fermented on native yeasts with 50% whole clusters, and 9% Viognier from the other (even more windswept) side of the hill, raised on its lees for a little over two years in a beautiful 500L Ermitage barrel.

Food: Tea-smoked duck…though really anything you love probably works

Music: Imminent Shadow, Spencer Cullum; Ya Sumera, The Divine Comedy; Fleurette Africain, Duke Ellington; Blue Melody, Tim Buckley; Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit (JS Bach), György Kurtág; Tightrope, Laurie Anderson; Ikebukuro, Brian Eno; Time on my Hands, Keith Jarret (Carnegie Hall concert)