



2016 Rasteau Red Terra Alta Vineyard

APPELLATION:	Clements Hills - Lodi
VINEYARD:	Terra Alta Vineyard
COMPOSITION:	40% Garnacha, 35% Syrah, 25% Monastrell
AGING:	18 months in French Oak, 8 months in bottle
TECH:	Alc: 13.7%
SOIL TYPE:	Volcanic Clay Loam
AGE OF VINES:	14 years
HARVESTED:	September 30, 2016
BOTTLING:	May 25, 2017
PRODUCTION:	70 cases produced
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$30 per bottle

TASTING NOTES

This 2016 vintage of our “Rasteau Row” red blend is our first year of making this wine. This limited production wine comes from the vines gifted to us from the quaint French village of Rasteau. We planted the vines in one single row and thus it was named “Rasteau Row ” This beautiful wine is Rhone in nature and has a bright red crimson color. Aromas of strawberry, cassis, raspberry and pomegranate blend with hints of fennel, white pepper and a light oaky smoke. The flavors open with strawberry jam, apricot fruit leather, black licorice and end with lilac perfume. It is medium bodied with smooth tannins a lingering gentle finish. Liz suggests pairing this wine with white lasagna or butternut squash soup with crispy prosciutto.

RASTEAU ROW FACTS & HISTORY

Our Rasteau Row is in reference to a collection of vine cuttings we received from a friend who lives in the quaint Rhone River valley town of Rasteau. Back in the 1990’s a friend of ours left the Napa Valley when he fell in love with a French winemaker from Rasteau. One day, after several years without hearing from him, he contacted us to inquire about getting some cuttings of Zinfandel. We complied with his request and then never heard from him again until a mysterious package arrived at our home. To our amazement, the contents of this package contained the entire varietal collection of the town of Rasteau! Included in this magical gift were cuttings of the white varieties of Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Rousanne and Viognier. The reds comprised of Grenache Noir, Mourvedre and Syrah Noir. Our entire collection is 166 vines and we planted them in a single beautiful row along the southern end of Terra Alta vineyard in 2002.

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