

LANGETWINS

FAMILY WINERY AND VINEYARDS

2018 CABERNET FRANC | MILLER

We respect the land where our vineyards grow - our family's connection to nature gives our wine its foundation and individuality. Distinct soil and climate coupled with responsible farming practices highlight the character of each vintage from our generational farm in Lodi, California.

GROWING SEASON

Weather is a key element of farming - it plays a crucial role in the health of our vines and winegrapes. Daily temperatures and rainfall come together to dictate the growing season, making each vintage distinctive. 2018 was a long and even season with moderate conditions and mild summer weather. This allowed the winegrapes to mature slowly with even ripening, pushing our start of harvest to August 6th, 10 days later than the previous two years. The overall moderate to cool harvest conditions were good for flavor development, but on October 3rd we endured rain showers. Luckily the following two weeks were dry and sunny helping finish the sugar accumulation in our mid to late ripening varieties. We ended harvest in November, one of the latest in recent memory, with particularly good quality and spectacular color in the red varieties and white varieties with sound flavor and acid development.

VINEYARD NOTES

Miller is unlike any other vineyard we farm in the Clarksburg AVA. The 10.95 acres of Clone 13 and 11 Cabernet Franc develop thick skins to combat fierce Delta winds and each vine seems to perform uniquely due to the topography and soil mix. Grafted from Sauvignon Blanc in 2010, the varietal has performed as we expected - it is difficult to grow, but crafts a beautiful wine.

CLARKSBURG AVA

Located on the Sacramento River in the heart of the Delta, the Clarksburg AVA has a profound maritime influence. Cool mornings give way to warm afternoons and temperatures quickly cool again in the evenings. With land at or below sea level, the fertile soil attracts and holds nutrients and water which calls for constant monitoring.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine offers a fantastic blend of traditional Old World notes and vibrant California fruit. Fresh aromas of black cherry, tamarind, and serrano pepper are complimented by an earthy minerality that compares to concrete in a summer rain. Extended aging in neutral oak allows the gentle character and strong structure of the fruit to come into balance, forming flavors of raspberry and ripe strawberry up front with firm, but subtle tannins that bring a slightly sandy texture on the midpalate. This vintage comes to a smooth finish leaving a warm array of spicy fruit flavors.

WINE STATISTICS

SOIL COMPOSITION

Sandy Clay Loam. Derivation dominantly granite rock.

VINEYARD PHILOSOPHY

Certified Sustainable

TRELLISING

Wide T Vertical Shoot Positioning

LOCATION

38°17'49.1"N, 121°28'07.5"W

CASES PRODUCED

2020 | 6 Pack

AGING

Neutral Barrels;
20 Months

HARVEST DATE

October 24, 2018

CLONE

13 & 11

BOTTLE DATE

April 1, 2021

TA

6.4 g/L

PH

3.69

BRIX

25.6°

ACRES

10.95

ALCOHOL

14.5%

RS

0.2 g/L



SOIL

DIERSSEN CLAY LOAM

- Moderately deep
- Located on basin rims
- Formed in alluvium
- Derived from mixed granite rocks
- 0-25 ft at or above sea level
- Poorly drained
- Permeability is slow
- Root depth limited by hardpan at 1.5-3 ft
- Very slow or slow runoff

CLONE

- Chosen based on variety, site, climate, soil, vineyard design, cultural practices, and desired wine quality

13

- Reported to be French clone 312
- Crafts varietally distinct wines

11

- Reported to be French clone 214
- High vigor with medium yields

TRELLISING

WIDE T VERTICAL SHOOT POSITIONING

- Vines trained upward with narrow fruit zone
- T-crossarm to train vine vertically
- Trellis optimized for natural air movement and speckled sunlight

ROOTSTOCK

S04

- Chosen based on resistance to soil pests, soil's texture, chemistry, depth, fertility, water availability, irrigation practice, vineyard design, and variety chosen
- Medium to low vigor
- Medium to low drought tolerance
- Works well in cool regions



“This vineyard is unlike any other in Clarksburg. The soil mix and lack of barriers against the wind makes it irreplaceable. The result of the vineyard, the quality, is so rewarding as a farmer.” - BRAD LANGE

