

HARVESTED: SEP 21st, 2018

BRIX AVG: 25.0

BLEND: 100% Sangiovese

ACIDITY: 5.8 g/L

pH:

3.68

ALCOHOL: 14.3 %

AGING: 15 MONTHS FRENCH OAK 35% NEW

BOTTLED: 12/16/19

CASES: 150

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2018 SANGIOVESE WEST TERRACE BLOCK

For the past ten years, we labeled our best Sangiovese "Riserva" because it was clearly the best lot of Sangiovese we made. Well, truth be told, our Riserva comes from one, ten-row section of the vineyard George planted in 1992. It is the west hillside of that steep, terraced vineyard. So, there you have it. Calling it like it is.

2018 will go down as one of the great vintages of this century, which is quite evident in our Sangiovese West Terrace. Year after year, Jason and I are amazed at the quality coming from this section of the vineyard. Like legendary guitarist, Pat Metheny, our Sangiovese is getting better with vine age. Always great color and structure (both tannin and acid), with classic Sangiovese character. Our West Terrace Sangiovese has helped me understand why producers in Montalcino release their Brunellos in the fifth year after the vintage.

Unfortunately, we can't magically expand the section of this vineyard to make more wine-so production is limited to 150 cases. Try to hold off from drinking this wine too quickly. It will sure reward you in several years, and last much longer if you so desire. —MJU

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