
VERMILLION

2019 VERMILLION, CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Vermillion sings with aromas of wild strawberry, licorice, blood orange, Earl Grey tea, black raspberry, cinnamon stick, spice box, pot pourri, rose oil. The gorgeous, silky entry opens to layers of berries, dried flower, baking spices, and terra cotta underpinned by fine tannins and a long, sweet and savory finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

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| VINTNERS | Helen Keplinger and DJ Warner |
| WINEMAKER | Helen Keplinger |
| VARIETAL | 58% Grenache, 31% Mourvedre, 4% Syrah, 4% Petite Sirah, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| APPELLATION | 80% Sierra Foothills, 16% Sonoma County, 4% Napa Valley |
| PRODUCTION | 2200 Cases |
| ALCOHOL | 14.4% |
| AGING | 16 months in 100% French Oak |

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BACKGROUND

The quality of wine is based on the quality of all its inputs – good vineyards, smart farming, pure and focused winemaking – ultimately attention and TLC at every step. We make this wine from the vineyards to the bottle, working closely with grape growers from awesome little vineyard sites in Napa Valley, Sonoma County, and the Sierra Foothills. We've sought out interesting sites with great dirt, farm them with care and thought, and use traditional winemaking to craft honest wine and make an artisanal red wine blend to match any occasion, any food, any time. Vermillion is a terroir-driven, delicious, hand-crafted wine to be enjoyed any night of the week.

Helen Keplinger attended the MS program in Enology at UC Davis. Since UC Davis, she has worked with Heidi Barrett at Paradigm in Napa Valley, Kathy Joseph at Fiddlehead in Santa Barbara, Michel Rolland, and David Abreu in Napa Valley. She has made wine for some exciting projects, including Cellers Melis (Priorat, Spain), Kenzo Estate, Arrow & Branch, Bryant Family Vineyards, and is currently crafting Kerr Cellars, Carte Blanche and Grace Family Vineyard.

In 2012 Helen was named Winemaker of the Year by Food & Wine Magazine and was featured on the cover of Wine Spectator's June 2014 issue; "Helen Keplinger a Rising Star in California Purses Distinctive Reds".