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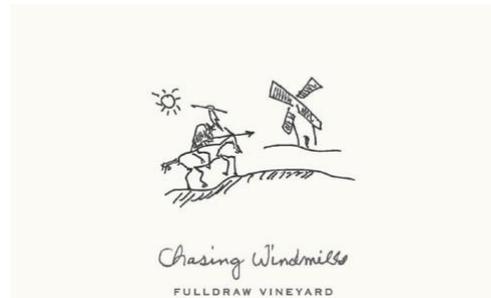
2019 CHASING WINDMILLS
FULLDRAW VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Chasing Windmills shows the plushness and abundance of sweet fruit that you come to expect from Grenache-based wines from Paso Robles. This is seamless from front to back with a tremendous mid-palate richness and density to it. Packed with loads of blue and black fruits like blueberries, blackberries and black currants with hints of cumin, mint and cedar. This wine is extremely approachable now with an hour of air or so but should sail for several years in the cellar.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Tor & Susan Kenward
WINEMAKER	Jeff Ames
VARIETAL	59% Syrah, 41% Grenache
APPELLATION	Paso Robles
PRODUCTION	350 Cases
ALCOHOL	15.1%
AGING	Syrah aged 16 months in 50-60% new French oak Francois Freres, Seguin & Ermitage barrels. Grenache aged in 30% new French oak.



BACKGROUND

"My first three decades in the Napa Valley laid the foundation. I had extraordinary mentors all willing to openly share their knowledge and passion. Robert Mondavi, André Tchelistcheff, Warren Winiarski, Ed Sbragia, Maynard Amerine and many others encouraged me to learn and experiment. We tasted together and exchanged information. Beringer also sent me to travel and walk Europe's most renowned vineyards, talk and taste with other winemakers, taste more, kick the dirt where world class wines are grown, and listen." – Tor Kenward

Jeff is one of an unusual breed of winemakers that includes his mentor Thomas Brown, Failla's Ehren Jordan and a few others who learned wine making primarily hands on. Walking the vineyards, harvests and tastings were Ames' real classrooms. "The model that was set before me was to get big, rich fruit, plush flavors, and not fine or filter if you don't have to," he says. "That's where it starts." Jeff is a purist, making sure the wines express their site foremost, rather than a particular winemaking style. During their many years of working together, Jeff and Tor have earned world-class critical acclaim. In most vintages, their single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons and Chardonnays have scored in the top ten wines of the vintage, always among the best of Napa Valley, making them rare and hard to find. This seems to be a trend that will also be very much a part of their future.