

2019 Seven Hills Vineyard Carmenerere

pH: 3.63

Titrateable Acidity: 5.8 g/L

Alcohol: 14.4%

Harvest Parameters: October 12, 2019 at 23.3 Brix, 3.8 pH, and 3.5 g/L of titrateable acidity.

Blend: 100% Carmenerere, Seven Hills Vineyard, block 12A and 12B. 41% new oak.

Cases produced: 99

Release Date: N/A



Winemaker's Notes: Vibrantly ruby in color and sourced from one of the best vineyards in the Pacific Northwest, this Carmenerere is showing beautiful fruit from the southern part of the Walla Walla Valley. Opening with red cherry, black currant, and caramel, this Carmenerere also has hints of blackberry with its natural peppery aroma. On the palate, moderate acidity and smooth tannins meld with fruity flavors of green tea, blueberry, dark cherry, and black plums. 41% new French oak lends itself to the lingering finish of fruit and acidity.

Winemaking: The 2019 vintage was relatively normal in weather and nearly perfect for winemaking, until we had an early freeze! For harvest, the grapes were ready to be picked by mid-October. Harvested on October 12th, the grapes were destemmed with the use of enzymes for settling, juice extraction, and color and an ascorbic acid, SO₂, and tannin blend to control oxygen contact. The wine was fermented with D254 yeast in an open top fermenter. The wine was coinnoculated for ML and fermented to dryness and pressed off the skins to tank. A day later, the wine was moved to barrels to complete ML. Total time: 10 days in fermentation. After secondary fermentation was complete, SO₂ was added. The wine was racked off the lees after nine months and was racked three times in total. The wine was crossflow filtered before bottling and went to bottle on August 27th, 2021. 41% new oak.

Awards: 91 pts - James Suckling (March 2023)

89 pts - Wine Enthusiast (Nov 2022)

Silver - 2023 Cascadia Wine Competition