

WINE IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

Donelan

DONELAN FAMILY WINES

2019 Sonoma County *Cuvée Moriah*

Although Moriah is the youngest of Joe Donelan's kids, the Cuvée Moriah is the product of one of our oldest grower relationships. We've been working with Dry Stack Vineyard, the source for the Grenache, for almost two decades. Moriah is an ode to the old school wines of Chateauf du Pape. Cool climate Grenache takes the lead with hallmark flavors of red kirsch, framboise, and raspberry compote. There's always a pretty white pepper spice element that comes from the whole cluster inclusion. The Mourvedre gives the wine some heft, darkens the fruit profile, adds mid-palate, and a gamey characteristic to the wine. The Syrah brings rich savory qualities to the blend.

2019 was a very cool vintage with ample rain in both winter and spring. The heat never reached extreme levels, so it was a nice and even growing season. Our 2019 Cuvée Moriah has striking red fruit, complex aromatics, and wonderful balance. On the nose you'll find flintiness, struck match stick, mocha, pepper, and red berries. Earthy notes live on the palate with fine-grained tannin and a super long finish.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

15.7%

Bottling Date

July 2021

Barrel Aging

22 Months

Alcohol

14.4%

Composition

51% Grenache

34% Mourvedre

15% Syrah

Production

176 cases

Native Ferment

40% Whole Cluster

