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2018 BALLARD CANYON ROUSSANNE

The Ballard Canyon Roussanne is made entirely of grapes from Stolpman Vineyard, one of the finest Roussanne vineyards in Ballard Canyon. The site is thoughtfully farmed by grower Ruben Solorzano. Winemaker Angela Osborne selects the optimum picking time for the site, and then guides the wine through fermentation, to offer a nuanced expression of the variety.

After harvest, the fruit is gently whole cluster pressed, and the fermentation happens naturally with ambient yeast, long and cool in neutral French barrels. To highlight mouthfeel and showcase balance, the wine was aged on lees for 15 months. The lees help bring additional texture and depth to the wine, while also bringing out Roussanne's spine of resplendent acidity. The result is a gorgeous balance of concentration, freshness and texture.

VINEYARD: 100% Stolpman Vineyard

BLOCK: 4

VARIETIES: 100% Roussanne

AVA: Santa Ynez Valley

ALCOHOL: 14%

pH: 3.59

WINEMAKING: Hand harvested and gently pressed

ÉLEVAGE: 15 months in neutral French barrique

BOTTLING DATE: December 20, 2019

RELEASE DATE: August 17, 2020

CASES PRODUCED: 77

SRP: $55

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