



2020 The Eyrie Vineyards CHASSELAS DORÉ

THE WINE

Chasselas Doré is an old grape variety born in the Jura and Alps mountain ranges of Switzerland. Fresh, tropical and savory, it is light on its feet while having a surprising amount of structure and body for a wine with just under 11% alcohol. Serve chilled, it will pair nicely with creamy cheeses, fresh veggies and spicy foods.



THE VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

This wine is made from 12 rows of ungrafted vines in our Sisters Vineyard. Viticulture at all of the estate vineyards is certified organic. In addition we practice regenerative no-till farming, with strict attention paid not just to the vines but to the healthy networks of soil organisms that support them. Not only does this approach avoid the need for artificial irrigation, it also nourishes the vines without the need for additional fertilizer, and captures atmospheric carbon. In the winery, we refrain from unnecessarily manipulating the wines during their fermentation and maturation, allowing them to reflect the vintage. The 2020 vintage aged 11 months on lees. With full natural malolactic fermentation, the wine is crisp and focused with plenty of richness to carry the low alcohol level natural to the grape.

THE VINTAGE

2020 started with mild winter and dry days into spring. This was followed by a dry summer, with one exception: June. Mid-bloom rains had the consequence of hampering pollination in the vines, meaning each cluster had fewer berries.

Our 2020 yields were a mere 39% of 2019. 2020 showed unusually cool average summer temperatures, which combined with a light crop, promised excellent quality. The density and concentration of this vintage are like nothing we've ever seen, putting even vintages like 1988 and 1998 to shame. Yet due to the cool summer, the natural acidity is as close to perfect as we could ever hope for, and alcohols are modest.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation:	Dundee Hills
Estate Vineyard:	Sisters
Vineyard Certification:	Organic
Fermentation & Aging:	Steel tank, full native malo, 11 months sur lies
Production in Cases:	112
Bottling Date:	August 2021
pH:	3.45
Total Acidity:	4.1 g/L
Alcohol % by Volume	10.62

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

