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2017 Darkstar

Appellation: San Diego County, Warner Springs

Vineyard: Orrin Vineyard
3300 feet, Alluvial decomposed granite

Varieties: 47% Syrah, 53% Zinfandel
self-rooted

Harvest: Syrah on August 17, 2017
Zinfandel on August 27, 2017

Fermentation: Wild Yeast and Malolactic

Alcohol: 12.0%

Production: 100 cases

Tasting Notes

Just ripe blackberries, raspberries, red plum and creosote bush. Dry. Tingly bubbles. Recommend serving at 38-42 °F.

Winemaker's Notes

Clusters de-stemmed into small open-top bins. Whole berry, wild yeast and malolactic fermentation. Twice daily punch downs. Pressed after five days for the Syrah, and four days for the Zinfandel - only free-run and early press fractions used. Wines combined at press, and fermentation finished in Charmat tank without addition of sugar or yeast - all carbonation comes from the natural, primary fermentation. No acidulation or other "corrections". Cold settled, and bottled unfiltered off gross lees on 5/15/2018.