

## 2018 3x3 Red Blend

North Coast

## **SPECS+TECH NOTES**

Harvest: : 9/27/18, 10/8/2018, 12/18/2018

Appellation: North Coast

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.72 TA: 5.93 g/l

Fermentation: Once and twice used Boutes and Ateliers barrels

Cases Produced: 116

Varietals: 50% CS, 33% ME, 17% SY

## **VINTAGE NOTES**

Ample winter rains in 2017 and heavy spring precipitation in 2018, along with three years of smaller harvests, set up 2018 to be a banner crop year. Some varieties cropped 30% more in 2018 than they did in 2017. Higher crop yields and a cooler summer growing season resulted in wines that are exceptionally fresh and display vibrant acidity.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine for me has always been about balance. I love that it can be an easy and casual night cap or a great pairing wine. The wine has dark fruit notes and great tannin structure that stand up beautifully to food. The syrah in the blend lends the wine its spice and energizes it. On the nose, I get hints of blackberry and dark chocolate.

