



CINNABAR

WINERY

Mourvèdre 20

Contra Costa County 16

The Taste

Brierberry, Mushroom, Cured Meats

The Science



Alcohol

14.9%

pH

3.55

Acidity

0.55g/100ml

Varietal Content

95% Mourvèdre

5% Alicante Bouschet

Vineyards

Sandy Lane Vineyard

Stats

143 cases produced

Harvested Sept. 7, 2016

Released Feb. 1, 2018

Age 5–7 years

The Magic



- 3 days of cold soak; 30% whole cluster
- Fermented 11 days in open-top plastic bins
- Fermented warm to 85 degrees
- Punched down 2–3 times daily
- Aged 11 months in French oak (45% new)

The Alchemists

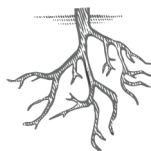
George Troquato, *Winemaker* & Alejandro Aldama, *Cellar Master*

The Grape



Also known as Mataró or Monastrel, Mourvèdre is a thick-skinned grape variety—used in GSM blends—that produces wines with good color, mouthfeel, tannin, and structure.

The Land



Sandy Lane Vineyard overlooks the Sacramento Delta near the town of Oakley. Called “the oldest inter-planted vineyard in California,” it was inter-planted with Mourvèdre, Zinfandel, and Carignan on St. George rootstock in the early 20th century. These ancient head-trained, spur-pruned vines benefit from the cooling effects of the Delta and are dry farmed in soils as sandy as any beach.

The Season

2016 saw more rainfall than in the previous five years, bringing some relief to an ongoing drought. Temperatures on average were warm, producing grapes that were fully ripe with above-average crop size.