

# FOUNDATION CELLARS

## **2019 Rusty Cage, Red Wine**

AVA: Red Mountain

Vineyard(s):

- Stanton(Red Mtn.), Merlot(40%)
- Shaw 32, Cab. Sauv.(30%)
- Quintessance, Petit Verdot(15%)
- Stillwater, Syrah(10%)

Aging: 24 months in 15% New, 55% Used, 30% Neutral

Bottled: November 2021

Production: 157 cases

Retail Price: \$38



### The Vintage:

With a long winter and snow on the ground into March, the growing season started late. Although the summer saw some decent heat, it was much cooler than previous vintages. In an effort to let flavors develop and get the depth we were chasing we gambled with mother nature, pushing how long we let the fruit hang and thankfully harvested just before the frost spell.

### The Vineyards:

Having leveraged the full spectrum of what the Red Mountain AVA has to offer, 90% of this wine comes from the Stanton, Quintessance, and Shaw 32 vineyards with a bit of Discovery Vineyard Syrah to round things out. With Stanton down the hill from Quintessance, and Shaw 32 in it's own microclimate on the other side, the combination harnesses the growing season and soil types.

### The Winemaking:

Minimally invasive winemaking. Fermentation over a 10-14 day period. Pump overs or punch downs twice daily to achieved desired extraction. Free run and pressed juice barreled and aged separately. Aged in barrel for 22 months to achieve balance and oak integration. Blended prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes:

A balanced bright garnet wine full of espresso, chocolate and cherry notes with hints of cigar box and spice.

### The Label:

In the same way that the Right and Left Banks of Bordeaux tell two sides of the same story. This label tells the story from the captive's point of view, where it's counterpart, Ransom Note, tells the story of the captor. It is intended to be a contemplative piece as the beholder enjoys the wines Right Bank "styled" blend.