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Estate 'la Gauche' 2019

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 91% Merlot 7%, Cabernet Franc 2%
Clones: SA125,G9V3 (Cabernet Sauvignon), D3V14 (Merlot) & 210 (Cabernet Franc)

Tasting Notes:

Medium/deep purple colour. Dark fruit aromas of black current, blood plum and cassis with a hint of warm sweet earth and cherry cold campfire undertone. A soft but full evolution on the palate with a rich, layered complex of dark forest berry fruit, blood plums and wild brambles. Fine but firm acid carries the fruit into a strong but finely wrought cedary tannin structure.

Viticulture Notes:

Our winemaking philosophy is to produce the best fruit possible in the vineyard and allow the wines to express the individuality of the vineyard and each growing season. The grapes for this wine were handpicked with viticultural practices based around maintaining balance in the vineyards, sustainability and responsiveness to changing environmental conditions.

Optimal conditions for flowering and fruitset in the vineyards gave well balanced yields with plenty of promise leading into the 2019 harvest. A dry January and February followed, culminating in a relatively compressed vintage, though attention to detail in the vineyards gave winemakers wonderfully balanced fruit with concentration of flavour and exceptional natural acidity.

Harvest: Handpicked on the 13th and 15th of March
Vinification & Elevage: Fruit is fermented as a combination of whole berry and crushed. Short cold soak then plunged once a day and pressed after 14 days on skins to French oak (15% new) for indigenous malolactic conversion and maturation. 10 months in oak, then racked twice prior to bottling.

Technical Data:

Alcohol 13.3%
Contains Sulphites
Vegan Wine

