

Clos De La Tech DOMAINE VALETA NEBBIOLO 2019

OVERVIEW

Limited in production from two blocks at Domaine Valeta our highest altitude vineyard. A wine resembling the vibrant wines from Langhe, Piedmont, Italy.

VINEYARD

Domaine Valeta is on the next mountain just south from our three-cave winery overlooking the fabled Ridge Monte Bello vineyard in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It faces the San Francisco Bay at 2350 feet above sea level. The 3.5 acre vineyard includes ½ acre of Nebbiolo clones 146 & 230 on 101-14 rootstock.

WINE MAKING

The fruit was hand-harvested on October 31st. After a 5-7 day cold soak, the grapes underwent traditional vinification methods including foot crushing, whole cluster fermentation with native yeast, malolactic fermentation on lees and gravity transfer (no pumping). The wine was aged in François Frères barrels (Bertrange Forest) for 17 months and hand bottled unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Nose:Complex and district: Barbaresco-like, elegant with raspberry, tobacco, tar and walnut.Palate:Medium bodied with layers of flavor of cedar, rose, and a long savory full finish.Summary:Still developing in 2025 and a phenomenal expression of New World Nebbiolo.

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION : 100% NebbioloALC. BY VOL. : 13.4%VINEYARD : Domaine Valeta, 2 blocksWINE pH : 4.10BARREL AGING : 17 months in François Frères, 80% newFERMENTATION: Native YeastHARVEST DATE: 10/31PRODUCTION: 141 CasesBOTTLE AGING: 3-1/2 yearsWINEMAKER: Valeta Rodgers