

THE PRINCESS & THE PEASANT

2017 CARIGNAN POOR RANCH



Brought up worlds apart, winemakers Stephanie and Dan Rivin met at the junction of love and wine. Dan arrived in America from Russia as a peasant with pockets full of nothing but dreams and ambition. He met spirited and soulful Stephanie, an expat raised in the exotic splendor of the Arabian Peninsula. Together, they toil in the vineyard and cellar to make this Carignan.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

74 year old vines of interminable character that are perfectly adapted to their terroir, the Poor Ranch is located in the rugged, volcanic hills of Hopland. The Poors have been raising wine grapes at this location since the late 1800's, guided by the accumulated knowledge of their forbearer's working vintages past. All of the varieties are certified organic, dry farmed and head-pruned with no trellis system.

2017 VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season blessed Northern California with ample rainfall throughout the growing season. The increased soil moisture in the spring led to a late start for our vines, fortunately the delay let us avoid any damage during an August heats wave. Subsequent mild temperatures meant gradual ripening, and the increased hang time allowed for optimal flavor development.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on September 22 at 23.9° Brix, 100% destemmed, and underwent an un-inoculated primary fermentation. After mingling with the skins for 22 days, the wine underwent a natural secondary fermentation in the barrel. The wine was then aged for 11 months in 100% seasoned French oak barrels and racked only once before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

The Princess and the Peasant Poor Ranch Carignan showcases the vineyard signature juicy pomegranate and wild berry flavors. The 2017 is extraordinarily succulent, with a rich, fruit-forward, concentrated flavor profile. We recommend it with salmon, charcuterie, and hard cheeses.

Hand-made, small batch Mendocino County wines

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