

CASUAL ENCOUNTERS

2015 SMGTC

Varietals:

33% Syrah, 33% Mourvèdre,
21% Grenache, 10% Tannat,
3% Carignan

Appellation:

California

Vineyards:

Luna Matta, Paderewski, White
Cliffs, Jespersen, Slide Hill, Shadow
Canyon, White Hawk, Bien
Nacido, Chelle Mountain,
Presqu'île

Production:

562 cases made

Oak:

65% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.2 %

Cellar potential:

Now through 6-8 years

Release date:

September 16, 2017

TASTING NOTES

All the fun of impressing your date with a clandestine tour of your rich uncle's topsail schooner at Newport Harbor Yacht Club: forbidden blackberries, flintlock guns, fresh baked dark chocolate brownies, distant engine oil, rain wet sage, maduro cigars, 1000 leather bound books, raspberry coulis and the devilish pleasure of getting away with it all.

NOTES

Casual Encounters takes its name from the orgiastic nature of its origins as a blend of small cofermented lots. By giving up control and embracing game-day decisions during harvest, Casual Encounters best captures the lengths Russell will go in setting orthodoxy aside and letting favor take full stage.

SERVING

Temperature: 65°F

Decant: 45 minutes

ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. Vineyards of particular note include: Bien Nacido, Slide Hill, Larner, Shadow Canyon, Chelle Mountain, Luna Matta and White Hawk. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.

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