

CASUAL ENCOUNTERS 2019 RED BLEND

Varietals:

40% Mourvèdre, 36% Syrah,
19% Grenache, 5% Carignan

AVA:

California

Vineyards:

Bien Nacido, Slide Hill, Chelle
Mountain, Rolph, Luna Matta

Vinification:

18% Whole Cluster

Production:

665 cases made

Oak:

80% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.7 %

Cellar potential:

6-8 years

Release date:

September 11, 2021

TASTING NOTES

That courtside seat wasn't occupied, so why not? You grab caramel corn, violet-tinged drinks, and rosemary-laden hors d'oeuvres from waiters bearing platters. You slap five with the players after their soaring dunks. And right next to you, there's an actress whose name you can't recall, clad in a black truffle dress and blueberry sapphires. This is the good life. Until the kiss cam finds you. The crowd bellows. The actress looks your way. And you've had three too many raspberry daiquiris, so you lean in, hardly noticing her muscle-bound date on their way.

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 flavor 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. 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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