

CASUAL ENCOUNTERS

2021 MSGC

Varietals:

47% Mourvèdre, 36% Syrah,
14% Grenache, 3% Carignan

Appellation:

California

Vineyards:

Luna Matta, Paderewski, Bien
Nacido, Slide Hill, Full Draw

Production:

542 cases made

Oak:

78% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.9 %

Cellar potential:

6-8 years

Release date:

September 16, 2023

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.



TASTING NOTES

If you'd known your traveling companion was an international spy, you wouldn't have ordered the eight-course tasting menu. But here you are, overlooking hills of blackberry bramble and mulberry trees in the warm Golden-hour glow. A spread of candied almonds, complex ciphers, marinated Niçoise olives, Omega wristwatches, white-flower bouquets, clandestine daggers, suits all around with hands to their ears, Herbs de Provence, red pepper glaze, and the electricity of her lace-gloved hand on your knee. Agents are closing in, but you'll be damned if you miss this sunset.

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

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