

CASUAL ENCOUNTERS

2020 MSG

Varietals:

58% Mourvèdre, 34% Syrah,
8% Grenache

AVA:

California

Vineyards:

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

Production:

527 cases made

Oak:

82% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.7 %

Cellar potential:

6-8 years

Release date:

September 10, 2022

TASTING NOTES

Forget the polo-field-sized pool and the bold-blackberry brass band. You're here among the West Egg elite for one reason: Gatsby's private stash. While the enigmatic mogul carouses with violet-sequined flappers and crème brûlée cabaret dancers, you've stolen away to the cellar. There, among the toasted rum barrels Jay may or may not have bootlegged, is the real flamboyance. Inky-cored opulence—resin-soaked boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the plum-jam past. You're lost in it, and when you turn, there's the man himself. Your move, old sport.

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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