

HERMAN STORY WINES

CHELLE MOUNTAIN

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vineyard: Chelle Mountain
AVA: York Mountain
Oak: 100% New French
Time in Barrel: 30 Months
Cellar Potential: 10-15 years
Alcohol: 15.5%
Serving Temperature: 65°F
30 minute decant



NOTES

There are plenty of places I love, but there's one place I can't do without. That's Chelle Mountain Vineyard. Here, on top of York Mountain, the winds are strong and the vines are even stronger. For years, I've devoted myself to them. And they've responded with a tiny amount of Cabernet Sauvignon, some of the richest, most charismatic, flat-out incredible grapes I've ever known. The resulting wine encompasses years of hands-in-the-dirt dedication, of old battle-hardened vines, and of a complete disregard for expenses. It's me, tilling the soil, tending the vines, and indulging every winemaking whim. In short, Chelle Cabernet Sauvignon is the wine I've always wanted to make, my first-ever estate bottling—hands down one of the best wines I've ever tried.

TASTING NOTES

This is a fistfight between family during Sunday croquet. Great Aunt Mildred pushes your face into blackcurrant pie and stepsister May brandishes two mallets, swinging wildly. White linen shirts splattered with melted caramel and honey-jasmine pastry filling. The manicured lawn torn by leather Lacostes, exposing wet sand and soil. Candied apple projectiles caught up in the ocean breeze. And here's estranged cousin Rick on his Triumph Bonneville with that look in his eye, jacket collar popped, back from the arm wrestling tournament and recently certified in conflict resolution. This is masterful mediation as he calms the crowd, then nails six wickets straight.

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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