

The Reserve Series



2007 Barbera Monopole El Dorado 'Reserve'

Source: Wohler Vineyard, El Dorado County

Harvest Date: September 30, 2007

Brix at Harvest: 26

Time in Barrel: 18 months

Type of Oak: Neutral French & American

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottled: April 9, 2009

Production: 248 cases

Winemaker's Notes: Barbera has its roots in the Piedmont region of Italy where it has grown for more than a thousand years. Italian immigrants brought Barbera rootstock to the Napa and Central Valleys in the early part of this century where it is widely grown. California Barberas are known for long-aging, robust red wines with intense fruit, snappy acidity and enhanced tannic content.

This 'monopole' wine comes from a single vineyard in Lotus. Jack and Diane Wohler produces some of the best Barbera fruit we have ever seen. When young, the wines offer a very intense aroma of fresh black berries along with notes of cherries, raspberries, blueberries and black cherries. Many producers add the flavor of toasted oak barrels, obtaining very good results in terms of complexity and longevity when vanilla and 'toast' is added to the original fruit aroma.

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