



100% Norton

Heringer Estate Vineyards

Harvested 17 October 2019

25.0 Brix

Fermentation techniques:

Nothing fancy. This wine makes itself !

Anchor NT 112 yeast inoculum

7 g.L Bois Frais Alliers chips

Stops with 1.5% remaining unfermentables

Elevage details:

3 weeks microbùllage pre ML

18 months in 20-year old neutral French oak

Alcohol 12.9%

TA 6.3 gm/L

pH 3.48 at bottling

67 cases produced.

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Although most wine experts confine their expertise to the European *Vitis vinifera* varieties, there are almost 100 other Vitis species, some of which make very good wine.

Dr. Norton was a 19th century breeder who crossed a wild Virginia *Vitis aestivalis* with an unknown parent to produce one of the most respected and widely produced reds in the U.S., with over 500 wineries offering examples.

Though rarely planted in California, Clarksburg's long, warm summers are perfect for developing full ripe flavors and softening its considerable acidity. Its deep purple color, rich blueberry flavor and dense yet incredibly soft tannins have great curb appeal. This is Clark's wife RuthE.'s favorite WineSmith offering.

Its dense, soft body owes to a high degree of unfermentable polysaccharides similar to the unfermentable starches in microbrew beer.

It's good to be an American. Amaze your friends and strut with some barbeque. The color is a crazy deep shade of purple. Don't get it on your clothes!

We Smiths offer small lots of hand-crafted wines which explore French winemaking traditions in California.