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SKINNER

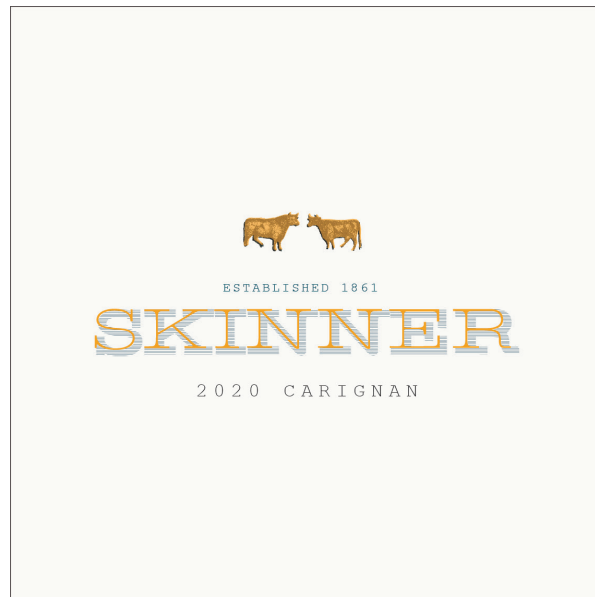
2020 CARIGNAN

THE WINE

Somehow familiar and confounding all at once. With deep roots in California, it has tremendous structure and deep blackish color while remaining incredibly versatile, as it has been known to produce anything from lip-smacking quaffing wines to tooth-staining hedonistic monsters. For Skinner, Carignan is part of our history, and our priority is to make it one thing: delicious.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Estate Carignan grows along the spine of our vineyard, which is due south and very exposed to the breezes that whip up from the valley. Every cluster is hand-sorted and de-stemmed. We handle our native fermentations with the remontage technique with the aim to produce Carignan that is true to varietal, and sings the praises of the terroir from whence it came. Gently pressed, settled, and sent to barrel for 10 months. Racked and returned in the spring, and bottled just before harvest.



TASTING NOTES

Like any wine striving for transcendence, this Carignan seems to be two things at once: elegant and hefty. It seems to gently dance across the senses but leaves permanent footprints. The aromatics are equal parts blackberry, pink peppercorn and marzipan. On the palate, this wine is stunningly vibrant with crunchy cranberry, molasses and ginger, bolstered by perfectly round tannins. The finish is clean and tightly woven, with a plump juiciness that demands attention.

SUMMARY

VINTAGE

2020

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.8%

APPELLATION

El Dorado

CASES PRODUCED

144

COMPOSITION

100% Carignan

ESTATE VINEYARDS

100% Stoney Creek Ranch

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$38

ÉLEVAGE REGIMEN

15 Months sur lees: 75%
Ntrl. French Oak, 25%
New Frenck Oak