



ESTABLISHED 1861

SKINNER

2019 EIGHTEEN SIXTY-ONE

THE WINE

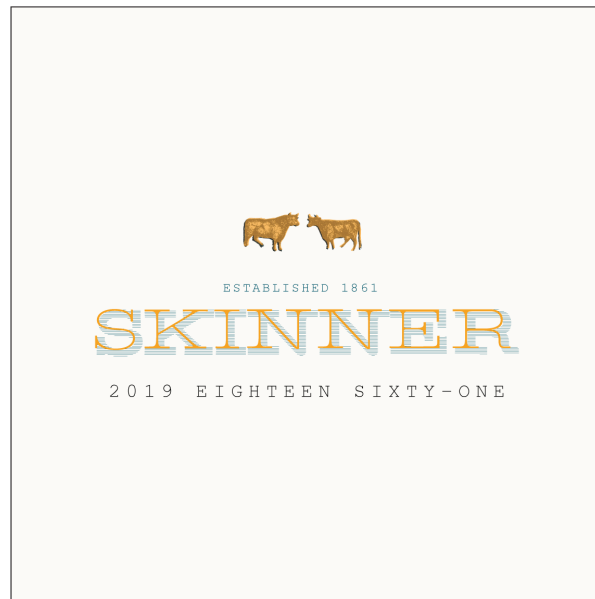
Given Skinner Vineyards' commitment to producing El Dorado-grown Rhône varietals, a nod to the ancient Châteauneuf-du-Pape region is a must. The New World take on these wines are casually referred to as "GSM" (Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre). Rivaling the great Châteauneuf houses by producing clean wines with deep texture, purity of fruit and expression of terroir, California GSM's are some of the most exciting (and even collectible) wines around.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Inspired by the earthy, spicy, complex wines of the Southern Rhône, we selected specific lots of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre that were reminiscent of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Everything was hand-harvested, meticulously sorted and fermented in stainless steel, open-top fermentation vessels. Each lot contained varying amounts of whole-cluster (stem-inclusion), and all fermentations began with indigenous yeast.

TASTING NOTES

The most striking aspect of the Eighteen Sixty-One's first impression is its unassailable El Dorado character. That is to say this wine is both rustic and vibrant. Aromatics of clove, cherry blossom and sweet cream give way to an unmistakable (and sort of nostalgic) worn leather that anchors the otherwise buoyant nose. On entry, Grenache dominates with spicy levity, evolving across the palate framed by sultry Syrah and finishes with a generous lift of Mourvèdre-driven austerity... ripe Rainier cherry, sweet sun tea and a note of black licorice keep the palate intrigued for hours.



SUMMARY

VINTAGE
2019

CASES PRODUCED
252

APPELLATION
El Dorado

VINEYARDS
15% Estate: Stoney Creek Ranch, Green Valley Ranch
85% Local: Fenaughty, Starfield, Swansborough, Baiocchi, Sumu Kaw, Ellenridge, Von Heune, Mais Finca, Baby Rattlesnake

COMPOSITION
76% Grenache
19% Syrah
5% Mourvèdre

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$36

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
13.5%

ÉLEVAGE REGIMEN
10 Months: 28% New French Oak, 72% Ntrl. French Oak