

LAVACAP

2016 Sangiovese, El Dorado AVA

HARVEST DATES: First week of October 2016

VINEYARD: Matagrano Farms, Lotus, CA

BLEND: 90% Sangiovese , 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING: 18 Months in 2nd fill Francois Freres French Oak

CASES PRODUCED: 650

ALC: 14.5%

PH: 3.49

TA: .61

VINEYARD NOTES: Our Sangiovese wine is made with grapes from Frank Matagrano's vineyard, which grows along the banks of the American River in Lotus, Ca. One of the few varieties made here at Lava Cap Winery that we do not farm. The vineyard is tucked in a steep North facing curve of the South Fork of the American River, creating a micro climate that paired with the soils is an ideal location for growing grapes with character and nuance. The soils here are a gnarly melange of round river rock and decomposed granite. The resulting growth from the grapes in this soil is reserved and intense, producing berries that have a profound intensity of sun dried tomato, cherry, and interesting earth flavors.

WINE MAKER NOTES: The grapes were picked at peak maturity, where flavor, sugar, and acidity are at the optimum levels to create a wine with profound varietal characteristic and our stylistic smooth Lava Cap finish. Barrel aged for 18 months in mostly 2nd fill barrels and a small percentage in neutral oak barrels. Upon pouring our Sangiovese, the glass welcomes a bright ruby appearance, that opens to a nose of strawberry, thyme, and pleasant berry flavors. With the first sip, flavors of vanilla, leather, and hints of sun dried tomato fill the mouth. Finishes smooth with balanced acidity and a light oak toastiness. This wine is amazing young with a fresh fruit component, but will age well for 1-3 years developing a denser sun dried tomato note with age.

