

## 2019 “Les Enfants Terribles” Old Vine Carignane, Evangelho Vineyard

### History

Sadly, this is the last vintage that we will be making Carignane from the Evangelho vineyard, one of our favorite vineyards in California. Following the death of Frank Evangelho and the transfer of the vineyard to Morgan Peterson, we have lost access to the grapes from this vineyard.

Planted in 1890 and growing in deep sandy soil—essentially a vineyard on sand dunes—in the Sacramento River Delta, these are some of the most beautiful, old Carignane vines in the world. Since the vineyard is dry-farmed and the soil is essentially pure sand, the roots extend down more than 40 feet to the water table below in some areas.

### Production

This is always one of the earliest vineyard we harvest each year, and 2019 was no exception: we harvested on September 3rd.

We hand-sorted the grapes on a conveyor belt on the way to the destemmer to eliminate any imperfect fruit. The crushed grapes were then fermented using only the natural yeast population on the surface of the grapes (rather than commercial dried yeasts) to conduct the fermentation.

At dryness, the wine was gently pressed in a membrane press and pumped into traditional 60-gallon oak barrels. The wine was aged for 8 months in one-year or older French oak barrels to maintain the vibrancy of the fruit.

### Production Notes :

#### Varietals

100% Old Vine Carignane

#### Appellation

Contra Costa County

#### Alcohol

14.3 % by vol.

#### Time in oak

14 months

#### Oak

10% 1-year old French; 90% neutral French oak barrels

#### Production

91 cases produced

#### Optimum time for consumption

2022-2032



### Tasting Notes:

**Color:** Dark Purple

**Aroma:** Black current, blackberry, pomegranate, earthy, minerals, black pepper.

**Taste:** Black current, black cherry, hints of pomegranate and cranberry, as well as floral notes of violets. A substantial wine with round tannins and a velvety mouthfeel, balanced by vibrant crisp acidity. Long, sweet finish of black current and black cherry fruit and spice.