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Alcohol: 12.75% pH: 3.68

THESIS: Super pleasant tells only half its story.

THE CLIFF NOTES: Pure garnet is its core color. The nose smells of cherry buckle, vanilla and tan spice. Bombastic ripe cherry reverberates on the palate and drags grilled meat, tobacco and a hint of wintergreen into its high-tone vortex. Prominent acid meets concentration meets a super-finely-sanded mouthfeel to deliver what can best be described as ... Holy shit! this is pleasant.

A STORY: 2019 seems like forever ago and was an absolute keeper. It was a moderate growing year with slightly lower yields, a modicum of rain near the end from which growers needed to stay clean, and a late September into early October harvest. The wines are in-the-pocket, linear on nice acid and very pretty, ripe and balanced without being over the top.

FERMENTATION: Small-lot wild yeast fermentations in open-top stainless steel tanks. Limited pre-ferment maceration, minimal, but targeted temperature and punch-down intervention.

ELEVAGE & AGEABILITY: 100% barrel aged for 17 months in French oak: 15% new, 14% one year, 22% two year, 49% older. Racked and bottled, unfiltered in February of 2021. Drink now to seven years and think about getting it some air in the first three.

VINEYARDS: Our **St. Dolores Estate** (11 years), **Gemini** (28 years), **Louis Vineyard** (15 years) and **Temperance Hill** (40 years) — all are dry-farmed.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker

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