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Alcohol: 13.00% pH: 3.58

THESIS: a.k.a. a winner by knockout

THE CLIFF NOTES: The color is red ruby. The nose presents cherry-raspberry-guava with a hint of warm tan oak spice. The palate portrays movement, starting as fully ripe, seductive cherry-peach and moving to darker savory grilled meats, soy and graham. It's substantial with a medium-plus attack, good acid linearity, a sweet fruit core and finishing on particularly refined polished tannins. A *village* level wine playing well above its fighting weight.

A STORY: The 2021 vintage presented a reasonably warm growing season with moments of intense heat and yet wines of surprising grace. This wine is a collection of the more fruit-forward barrels of the cellar ready for their debut from the get-go.

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

ELEVAGE 100% barrel aged for one year in in 6% new French oak.

& AGEABILITY: Racked and bottled unfined and unfiltered in September of 2022. Drink now to seven years and think about getting it some air in the first three.

VINEYARDS: From our **St. Dolores Estate** (13 years), **Gemini Vineyard** (30 years), **Johan Vineyard** (19 years), and **Temperance Hill** (42 years). All our vineyards are dry-farmed.

— Jim Prosser, owner/winemaker