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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

EVANGELHO VINEYARD



20109 Central to Artezin's philosophy is the preservation of "heirloom varieties" that are less known and less appreciated. One such variety is Carignan, originally from the Spanish province of Aragon. Carignan has found a home all over the globe, but does particularly well in Southern France, Algeria and California.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Artezin Carignan is ruby red with a violet hue. Inviting aromas of red fruits such as cherry and pomegranate fill the glass. Deep, black fruit aromas of plums and berries combine with spices of nutmeg, licorice and allspice to create a multi-layered aroma profile. This complexity carries through to the palate. The texture is supple and smooth, with very round tannins, resulting in a pleasing, enjoyable wine. Excellent with pastas tossed with red sauces, comfort foods, salmon and dry, hard cheeses, Artezin Carignan is a discovery you'll appreciate with every glass.

2009 VINTAGE

The spring of 2009 was cool with some rain, but this Carignan set a normal crop. The Carquinez Strait had a warm, sunny summer with cool, windy evenings. The fall weather held well until after the Carignan was picked, thus harvest was seamless.

Randle Johnson
Randle Johnson, Winemaker



Blend: 100% Carignan
TA: 0.61g/100mL
pH: 3.47
Alc.: 14.2%

Cooperage: 100% French Oak
12 months
2 year old barrels
Harvest Date: September 16, 2009
Bottling Date: February 23, 2011

Our 2009 Carignan comes from a seemingly unlikely locale: the Carquinez Strait, which is the estuary created by the confluence of the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers. On the southern edge of the Strait is a bench of pure sand more than 40 feet deep. This is the home of the Evangelho Vineyard, planted in 1880 on its own roots. Since phylloxera cannot live in sand it has survived California's two phylloxera epidemics. This vineyard is essentially and miraculously virus free and is trained as true bush vines. These factors, coupled with precise viticultural and farm practices, along with some TLC from the Evangelho family, create small grape clusters of exceptional quality.

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