



2020 Pineau D'Aunis

Bearg Ranch Fountaingrove District

Bearg Ranch & Vineyard is our partnership w/ the Bearg Family to grow our favorite mountain grown grape varieties of France in the mountains of California.

As far as obscure grape varieties go, this one may take the cake. After a couple year obsession to taste every single Pineau d'Aunis made on the planet, I settled on a couple of producers in the middle Loire Valley to focus my efforts to get plant material. Jean Pierre Robinot of L'ange Vin and Eric Nicolas of Domaine Bellivier both provided us with cuttings that we planted on the Bearg Ranch.

Pineau d'Aunis is an exotic grape that grows wines loaded with tannin and acidity. Notes of white and black pepper can dominate, but the wild rustic savage quality of the grape is singular in flavor.

100% Pineau d'Aunis

100% Bearg Ranch

100% Whole Cluster Fermentation

10-Month élevage in a single neutral French Oak 500L Puncheon

3.88 pH

12.5% Abv

Tasting Note:

Spicy white & black pepper add lift to this hearty rustic red which is otherwise dominated by aromas of blood, ripe strawberries, and iron. Dense on the palate, but with an overall lightness to the weight of the wine. Some serious tannins eventually show up ensuring this wines ability to hold up to fatty, grilled foods too.