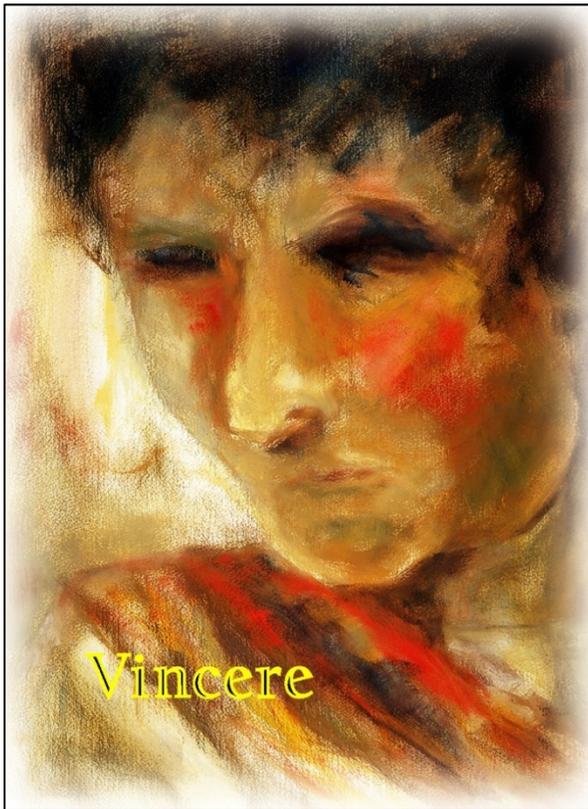




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2016 VINCERE — RED WINE LIVERMORE VALLEY



WINEMAKER NOTES

Originally made as a blend for a friend's restaurant in Florida, Vincere has come to be one of the favorite releases of the year for our club members. Modeled on the great super-Tuscan wines, Sassicaia and Ornellaia, this Sangiovese/Cabernet blend shows an elegance and depth that makes the wine immediately enjoyable, especially paired with hearty fare, but also heralds ageability over the medium to long term.

TASTING NOTES

Although the paradigmatic blend for this wine has been 60% Sangiovese and 40% Cabernet, the 2016 vintage, our 15th release, sees the balance tilted exactly half at 50% each. In this offering four of the best barrels of Home Ranch Cabernet and Sangiovese were used to create a wonderfully harmonious and structured blend. Like the other wines of the 2016 vintage, Vincere shows beautiful balance between elegance and power — the wine enters with lovely dark to black fruit notes and blossoms at the mid-palate into a relatively tannic wine that needs aging to come completely into its own. As is characteristic with most of our wines, the finish of this offering is all about gorgeous acidity, the element that gives wine a sense of freshness and vitality. This release would benefit by 12-18 months of bottle age before drinking and should continue to evolve beautifully for 7-10 years.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

50% Sangiovese and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon both from the first of our estate vineyards: Home Ranch, located in the center of the 7-mile axis of the premier sites in the Livermore Valley.

HARVEST DATA

pH 3.56 | TA .60 | Alcohol 14.2%

FERMENTATION

After destemming and crushing, the fruit was fermented in 1¾ ton open-topped fermenters using GRE and D254 yeast strains. The wine was pressed off skins after about 10 days.

COOPERAGE

8 barrels: a blend of 60% new; 40% second and neutral French oak.

CASES PRODUCED

187 cases

RELEASE DATE

April 6, 2019