

2018 Sorella

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Sorella means sister in Italian and was named after Chris Camarda late sister Jane Camarda. This first vintage was from 1994. This wine is made from 100% Champoux Vineyard fruit and represents the nature of the vineyard by highlighting the Cabernet Sauvignon, which is considered some of the best in Washington State.

2018 was another warm vintage that cycled through cool and warm months at the start of the growing season. April was cool, delaying bud break slightly. Then May was one of the warmest on record, advancing bloom. This was followed by a cooler-than-average June. Bloom was notably fast and even, contributing to a larger crop size that required extensive thinning. July and August temperatures were quite warm, so much so that heading into veraison, 2018 was shaping up to be among the warmest vintages on record – and it still was based on Growing Degree Days. However, temperatures cooled considerably in September, creating ideal conditions for ripening.

Reviews:

(97+ Points) Gorgeous crème de cassis, tobacco leaf, lead pencil, and chocolate define the bouquet, and it's medium to full-bodied, flawlessly balanced, and has a great, great finish. A classically styled, structured, age-worthy beauty, it will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and have 2-3 decades of overall longevity. Trust me, this will pass undetected in a blind lineup of top Bordeaux. **(Jeb Dunnuck)**

(96+ Points) Juicy, dusty and spicy aromas waft from the glass with succulent, floral notes that capture the nose. Spiced red cherries, potpourri and dusty black raspberry essences cartwheel with notions of lavender and rose hip before offering up delicate baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is initially subdued and grows in amplitude while offering a balanced structure with succulent tannins. The longer the wine sits on the palate, it increases in spiciness under the ripe, juicy dark red fruit tones. The Sorella continues to evolve in the mouth with persistence, lingering long, leaving behind flavors graphite, crème de cassis and black cherry skin. Set your calendar and put this on your shopping list for when it's released. Bravo, another stunning vintage of Sorella on the books. **(Wine Advocate)**

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petite Verdot

Alcohol: 14.5 %

Vinification: Indigenous yeasts, no filtering, no fining, minimal SO₂ (Vegan)

Vineyard: Champoux (~130 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, Vineyard Manager = Dan Nicholas)

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills, Washington State, USA

Average Age of Vines: Mix of Young (6 years) and Old (20-30 years) Vines

Time in barrels: 23 months (30% New French Oak, 70% Neutral French Oak)

Bottling Date: August 3, 2020

Release Date: february 2023

Total Production: 574 Cases

