



2019 CASASMITH CERVO BARBERA

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

This wine smells terrific. Red berry, cranberry, black plum skin, fresh snow, alpine air and tobacco. Pine needles carry from the first sniff and then amplify in the mouth in the most charming way.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

91 Points, *James Suckling*

“Classic ruby at the core with a pale ruby edge, the 2018 Barbera Cervo Northridge Vineyard offers a delightful and juicy nose with blackberries, dusty plum and hints of leather with cinnamon spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is balanced and thoughtful with a delicate amount of curing spices, white peppercorn, stems and cherry compote, ending with a delicious, softly tannic finish. Well done.”

90 Points, *Jeb Dunnock*

“Bing cherries, raspberries, dried herbs, and smoked earth notes all emerge from the 2019 Barbera Cervo, another rich, medium-bodied, impressively textured red in the lineup. With some smoky oak notes, ripe tannins, and outstanding length, I’d give bottles another year or so and enjoy over the coming 3-5.”

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Barbera

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Vineyard(s): Northridge Vineyard (100%)

Production: 3.1 tons per acre | Native yeast | 100% whole berry fermentation | 37 days on skins | 100% neutral upright French oak tanks | 10 months aged on lees

Wine Analysis: 6.1 g/L titratable acidity | 3.54 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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