

CASASMITH

2023 CASASMITH CINGHIALE SANGIOVESE



TASTING NOTES FROM WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Pure expressions of Sangiovese reverberate throughout the glass... black plum, dried herb, and crushed brick with beats and notes of fresh fig, cherry, forest floor and old campfire... Tannins are rich but refined... this is so good, with a cool Sangio vibe.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. It started with an early bud break due to nice weather and moderate temperatures. June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, creating a beautiful, extended ripening season that led to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2023 is a distinct and lovely vintage and produced fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

SCORES

92 Points, *James Suckling*

"This is deep and structured, offering ripe red berries, cured meat, leather, rosemary and wet earth. Medium- to full-bodied, bright and fleshy. The tannins are well defined but integrated, with a tense and flavorful finish. Drink or hold."

90 Points, *Eric Guido - Vinous*

"The 2023 Sangiovese Cinghiale wafts up with a bouquet of dusty rose, cedar spices and dried strawberries. It is juicy in style with crisp minerality and perfumed red berry fruits. Fine tannins coat the palate, offset by a sour citrus tinge as a hint of tart raspberry fades."

VINEYARD

Rosebud Vineyard (94%)

This vineyard is at the same location at Wahluke Slope Vineyard and Northridge Vineyard. It has an alluvial fan gravel bed and rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt, creating calcium and iron rich soil.

Northridge Vineyard (6%)

Loamy, fine sand over silica limestone, these ancient soils above the Missoula Flood plain are some of the best to grow fruit. This site is higher elevation and has cooler evenings, which creates later ripening, lots of minerality and concentration. A hidden gem!

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Sangiovese **Appellation:** Wahluke Slope

Production: 3 tons per acre, 100% whole berry press in Stainless Steel Tanks
14 months aged on lees in 500L Puncheon | 1,185 cases produced

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.49 pH, 13.5% alcohol
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