



2018 CASASMITH CERVO BARBERA

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Explosions of flavor that encompass the entire palate. White pepper, boysenberry compote, fresh snow, iodine and cured meat. Long, persistent and delivers all that is promised.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was incredible! This outstanding vintage began mild followed by a long and dry ripening season in the fall. This enabled us to hang the fruit to reach optimal ripeness without losing acidity or increasing sugars. The wines from 2018 are exceptional in many ways, from the great expression of the whites to the beautiful refinement and complexity of the reds. Enjoy!

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

93 Points, *James Suckling*

"I like the dark blue fruit here with stone and graphite character. It's medium-bodied, tight and fresh. There's tension throughout this, providing form and vibe. Fresh finish."

93 Points, *Jeb Dunnock (v2017)*

"One of the best expressions of this variety outside of Italy must be the 2017 Barbera Cervo from Charles Smith. Its vibrant purple/ruby color is followed by a fresh, complex bouquet of blue and black fruits, leafy herbs, vanilla, and spice. It's terrific on the palate as well, offering medium to full body, tons of fruit, and remarkable purity. Drink it any time over the coming 4-5 years."

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Barbera

Appellation: Wahluke Slope

Vineyard(s): Northridge Vineyard (100%)

Production: 3.2 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: 5.9 g/L titratable acidity | 3.53 pH | 14.5% alcohol | No residual sugar

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