

Estate Vineyard and Winery | Livermore Valley

## 2020 Barbera

Livermore Valley Red

### **WINERY AND VINEYARD**

Rodrigue Molyneaux Estate Winery and Vineyard sits on 5 acres in the Livermore Valley AVA. We have been producing fine Bordeaux and Italian style wines and blends since 1998. The Livermore Valley AVA is situated 30 miles east of the Pacific Ocean. This proximity to the ocean, with foothills surrounding the valley, creates temperature fluctuations perfect for grape growing. Vines develop deep roots in the alluvial soils deposited over ancient riverbeds that left behind mineral rich soils.

#### WINEMAKING

About 2 tons were harvested from the Estate vineyard on 9/24/2020. The grapes were destemmed and fermented on skins for 7 days with BRL97 yeast, before being pressed off the skins and barreled down to 6 barrels. The wine was aged in 23% new American oak, 55% 2nd-use French oak, and 22% neutral oak for 20 months. It went through medium filtration and 110 cases were bottled on 6/22/2022 at 14.8% ABV.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Lightly floral and full of candied cherry, raspberry coulis, and vanilla custard, the bouquet is fruit-forward with the promise of a bright and lively experience on the palate. As promised, this wine dances across your tongue with succulent cherry, as toasted coconut lends a round mouthfeel. It finishes like biting into a ripe raspberry, a burst of flavor and tartness that lingers into the next sip.

#### **AWARDS**

95 pts., Double Gold - 2024 Orange County Fair 92 pts. - 2024 Wine Enthusiast Gold - 2024 Alameda County Fair

## **FOOD PAIRING**

Pork and Chicken Thigh Sausage Patties • Pasta Carbonara • Pizza with Grilled Vegetables



# **VINEYARD SITES**Rodrigue Molyneaux Estate Vineyard

**CASES PRODUCED** 

110

## **VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

88% Barbera 12% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.8%