



BYRON

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LOS ANGELES

2016 Ghost Cat, Los Angeles County

Donning Steve Winters' iconic image of "P-22," the full grown mountain lion that makes its home in LA's Griffith Park, Ghost Cat is a wine with a purpose. Mark and Jenny Blatty were inspired by the story of the elusive big cat, who crossed several major freeways to take up residence in Hollywood. Byron Blatty has teamed up with SaveLACougars.org, and portions of this wine's proceeds will be donated to the charity, to help fund a wildlife crossing over the 101 freeway.

Vintage Notes

In 2016 California saw a continuation of the state's severe drought, resulting in grape yields that were extremely low but high-quality. The resulting wines feature concentrated flavors and focus, as well as good structure.

Winegrowing & Production Notes

The 2016 Ghost Cat is a blend of 66% Syrah, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet Franc. While Syrah represents the varietal with the highest percentage of the blend, the remaining 34% is all Bordelaise, leaning the wine to that style. This is a single vineyard wine from the Smith Family Vineyard in Antelope Valley. Each varietal was vinified and aged separately, then blended several months ahead of bottling. The wines were pressed into neutral oak barrels after fermentation, then was racked off the lees into a selection of new oak barrels the following spring. The wine spent a total 32 months in French oak, 85% new.

Tasting Notes

Candied walnuts, cherry cola, and liquorish dominate the nose, supported by cedar, worn leather, and sagebrush. The sip delivers fresh black raspberries and more dark cherries, with waves of bright acidity that follow the fruit, and linger on the nuanced finish.

Technical Notes

Vintage:	2016
Varietal(s):	66% Syrah, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 4% Cab Franc
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Smith Family Vineyards
Titrateable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation & Aging:	Open Top Bins / 32 months in French oak, 85% new
Bottling Date:	July 14th, 2019
Alcohol:	14.4%
Production:	110cases
Suggested Retail:	\$45.00 / bottle - 750ml

