

### 2019 Byron Blatty Proprietary Red, Los Angeles County

The 2019 Byron Blatty Proprietary Red Wine is an expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that pushes the boundaries of what is possible with L.A. fruit. This opulent wine is reminiscent of its brethren in the north, and reveals a whole new potential for Los Angeles terroir. Presented in heavy weight Bordeaux glass, sealed with the finest corks designed for long term aging, and adorned with our monogram printed with actual platinum, this wine is an absolute show stopper. While it drinks superbly already, this wine will undoubtedly reward patient cellaring for a decade or more.

## **Vintage Notes**

2019 just might be the vintage of the decade. In a rare aligning of the stars, every element of this growing season went flawlessly. A late bud break was followed by even flowering, with a mild spring void of heat spikes, allowing for a great fruit set. The summer, while hot, saw its warmest days by the end of August, allowing the grapes to hang on the vines abnormally long, while maintaining exceptional acidity as flavors continued to develop right up to harvest.

# **Winegrowing & Production Notes**

The Proprietary Red comes from the Lobo Vineyard in L.A.'s Malibu Coast AVA, which we manage exclusively, effectively making this an estate wine. A steep hillside vineyard, planted in rocky, raised seabed, with ocean breezes that flow through from the canyon make this an ideal site for Cabernet Sauvignon. All of the fruit is hand picked, cold soaked for 7 days after crush, then fermented in open top bins before pressing into 85% new French oak barrels, where it ages for 24 months, and an additional year in bottle before release.

# **Tasting Notes**

Extravagant aromas of black, candied fruit, earth and spice harmonize on the intense nose offering and endless journey to the fruit laden core. The sip offers focused, crystal clear fruit precisely balanced by acidity, and perfectly integrated fine grain tannins that slowly reveal layer after layer of flavor and nuance. Intense red and black fruits ride graphite and sweet tobacco leaf through the endless finish. Decanting recommended.

#### **Technical Notes**

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Vintage:	2019
Varietal(s):	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Lobo Vineyard
Fermentation & Aging:	Open top bins / 24 months in French oak, 85% new
Time on skins:	21 days
Alcohol:	15.9%
Production:	50 cases / two barrels
Suggested Retail:	\$150.00 / bottle - 750ml

