

BDX COLLECTION
2017 VINCERE | LIVERMORE VALLEY

HARVEST NOTES

After a trio of very good to great vintages (2012-14) including what was the finest (2013) in more than 20 years of winemaking in the Livermore Valley, 2017 moved the bar even higher. The winter saw very significant rainfall with the arroyos at the base of the Ghielmetti Vineyard running with water for the first time since at least 2005 (Livermore recorded 14 inches of rain, an average year total in January through February alone; significantly, though, only .20 inches from July through October — Harvest time). Late August through October exhibited nearly perfect weather: temperate, practically no rainfall so that fruit came in with balanced ripeness and higher than average quantity from Ghielmetti Vineyard (~285 tons compared to the 5-year running average of 238 tons.)

WINEMAKER NOTES

Originally made as a blend for a friend's restaurant in Florida, Vincere has come to be one of the favorite releases of the year for our club members. Modeled on great super-Tuscan wines such as Sassicaia and Ornellaia, this Sangiovese/Cabernet blend shows an elegance and depth that makes the wine immediately enjoyable, especially paired with hearty fare, but also presages age-worthiness over the medium to long term.

TASTING NOTES

Like 2016, our newest release of *Vincere* is a blend of 50% Sangiovese and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, both grown on our Home Ranch Vineyard. Like the other wines of the 2017 vintage, *Vincere* continues to show beautiful balance at a level of richness and heft that we have not seen before. This wine is viscous on entry, the Cabernet dominating the structure early. The characteristic assertive acidity of Sangiovese lifts the wine in the mid-palate, adding layers of red and dried fruits to the darker berry of Cabernet. As is characteristic with most of our wines, the finish of this offering shows the importance of and our love for freshening acidity. This element gives *Vincere* a sense of verve and vitality while being, at the same time, one of the qualities that will allow for long aging. This release would benefit by 12-18 months of bottle age before drinking and should continue to evolve beautifully for 10-15 years.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

50% Sangiovese and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon both from the first of our estate vineyards: Home Ranch, located in the center of the 7-mile axis of the premier sites in the Livermore Valley.

HARVEST DATA

September 13 – October 24, 2017. pH 3.56 | TA .60 | Alcohol 15.0%

FERMENTATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon portion of the blend was fermented in stainless steel, and the Sangiovese was fermented in 1¾ ton open-topped fermenters using GRE and D254 yeast strains. The wine was pressed off skins after about 10 days.

COOPERAGE

8 barrels: a blend of 60% new; 40% second and neutral French oak.

CASES PRODUCED

179 cases

RELEASE DATE

June 25, 2020

