

the RAILSBACK FRÈRES

2020 Nolan Ranch Syrah "Cuvée Chlœe"



Encépagement

100% Syrah, 25% whole cluster

Place

Los Alamos, CA

Vineyard

100% Nolan Ranch
South-facing limestone ridge with
San Andreas Tierra & Chamise shaly
loam soils with 30-75% slopes

Parcels

Block 26, Clone 6
Harvested: 9/16/20 at 23.5 brix
Block 28, Clone 470
Harvested: 9/19/20 at 22.9 brix
Block 32, Clone 747
Harvested 9/21/20 at 22.3 brix

Aging

Fourteen months in Neutral French
Oak

pH

3.94-4

TA

3.9- 4.2gr/L

ALC

12.7%

Production

4,800 bottles & 300 magnums

Story

For us, the highlight of the 2020 vintage was when our sister Emily had a baby girl named Chlœe, so in turn, we named our most joyful cuvée from 2020 after her, so that she can enjoy her birth year wine properly when she is older. Looking for the tension and finesse we adore about the Northern Rhône, we were excited by three parcels of Syrah we sourced from the geologically-diverse Nolan Ranch in Los Alamos. Fermented with a small percentage of whole bunches and using only native, wild yeasts, this cuvée was given an additional year of *élevage* in neutral French oak barriques before being bottled without fining or filtration.

Drink now with your favorite pizza (Neapolitan, NYC slice, or otherwise) or hide some Magnums in your cellar to help us celebrate Chlœe's 21st birthday in a few years!