



2016 "Rougarou" Old-Vine Carignan
McCormick Ranch Vineyard, Pauma Valley, San Diego County
99 cases produced

- ABV: 12.2%
- pH: 3.66
- TA: 0.619 g/100mL
- Vineyard soils: Decomposed granite, sandy & stony loam
- Vine age: 37 years. The vineyard has survived two fires in its lifetime.
- Pick date: September 6, 2016
- Brix at harvest: 21.9°
- Hand-picked at sunrise
- 100 percent destemmed
- Native primary & malolactic fermentations
- 9 months aging in neutral French oak barrels
- Racked once before bottling
- Approximate SO₂ content: 15ppm
- Unfined & unfiltered
- Bottled June 17, 2017
- The Name: The Rougarou (pronounced *Roo-gah-roo*) is a legendary Cajun shapeshifter, part-animal, connected to the sacred rhythms of the earth, often feared and misunderstood by those who do not understand it. This minimally tended survivor vineyard (in San Diego!) produces a shapeshifting, unexpected wine of concentration and surprise. No fear, here.
- Winemakers: Emily Towe & Jody Brix Towe
- Suggested retail price: \$25