

McKahn Family Cellars

Valuing family, friendship and tradition

Established in 2014, McKahn Family Cellars has dedicated itself to crafting Rhône varietal wines of quality and character from some of the best vineyards in Northern California. Our wines reflect the wealth of diversity California has to offer and we take every precaution necessary to ensure each of our wines is unique to their terroir and varietal. 

2019 CARIGNANE

In August of 2019 I received a text message from a colleague of mine that an old-vine vineyard in Oakley, in far east Contra Costa County, had excess Carignane for sale. The vineyard's name was Sandy Lane, and by reputation alone I was intrigued. I had never made Carignane before; or "Kerrigan" as every Carignane grower in California calls it. There is countless acreage of it in the Languedoc in France, but in California it is much more scarce. This particular vineyard is over 100 years old and is planted on its own roots in deep sand. It's impossible for me to explain how incredible it is to make wine from a vineyard that was planted so long ago.


Charles McKahn

An alluring, complex wine showcasing flavors of red currant and dried cherries, with hints of Herbes de Provence and exotic saffron. The palate is medium bodied with super smooth tannins and lively acidity, revealing a delightfully well-balanced wine. Drink alone or pair with food, you can't go wrong either way.

Production Notes

Destemmed to a stainless steel tank and fermented. Aged in once used French oak for 18 months. Racked off lees after malolactic fermentation and again before bottling.

Contra Costa County

Contra Costa County is east of Mt. Diablo in the East Bay Area of Northern California. It is home to both some of the oldest vines and sandiest soils in California. Contra Costa is a warm region that also benefits from nighttime cooling trends during the growing season due to its proximity

to the Northern California Delta. By far the most unique characteristic is its sandy soils, which allow for own-rooted vines as Phyloxera cannot thrive in sand making non-vinifera rootstocks unnecessary. These Carignane vines are over 100 years old and located in Oakley, California.

Suggested Food Pairing

Your Thanksgiving Feast, Warm Spiced Butternut Squash Soup, Cinnamon Soy based Pork.

TECHNICAL DATA

TA:	5.6 G/L
PH:	3.6
ALCOHOL %:	14.5%
CASE PRODUCTION:	100
RETAIL:	\$40.00



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