

BLACK BADGER

Red Blend 2018



Bistué Cellars was born out of passion for exploring different wine regions and creating cool and remarkable wines. It all started in 2014 as a fun side project by winemaker Carolina Bistué and her family, but soon became a core part of the Bistué's Wine Bridge portfolio. After earning her Masters in Viticulture and Enology at UC Davis, Carolina Bistué worked at La Perla del Priorat in D.O.Q. Priorat, Spain and at Paul Hobbs' Viña Cobos in Mendoza, Argentina. Carolina believes in minimal-intervention winemaking and that great wines start in the vineyard. The care of the vines should focus on allowing them to express their terroir.

Tasting notes: Notes of raspberries and black berries and hints of dry leather and tobacco. Savory and smooth balsamic notes, with dark minerals and mature tannins. Intense and full bodied. Pair with rare steaks, slowroast pork shoulder, mesquite-smoked brisket or osso buco.

Winemaker: Carolina Bistué Appellation: Winters, CA

Grapes: 80% Syrah, 15% grenache, 5% Mourvedre

Harvest Dates: before sunrise, end of September or early October

Winemaking: Cluster sorting in the field and at the winery, eliminating all non-desired components. Dry ice is used after destemming to prevent early fermentation. At the winery, the grapes are fermented in bins with multiple daily punch-downs.

Ageing: 6 months – 30% in 300L French oak barrels (15% new, 15% second-use) and 70% stainless steel.

Alc: 15.5% UPC: 8 69338 00032 4

Winters, CA: has a hot-summer Mediterranean climate. The summers are hot, arid, and mostly clear, with high temperatures typically ranging from 70-85°F. The winters are cold, wet, and partly cloudy, with average low temperatures around 39°F in January. Winters receives an average of 25 inches of rain per year.

Other Wines Available: **BISTUE Chardonnay BISTUE Tannat BLACKSWIFT Red**

