



LA MONTAÑUELA

ROCIO 2020

ORIGIN

Hinesburg, Champlain Valley, Vermont.

VARIETIES

100% Marquette.

VINEYARD

From a ½ acre plot of 12-year-old vines planted on clay, limestone, and silty loam soils. This year, for the first time, Camila did all of the farming in this vineyard.

VINIFICATION METHOD

Grapes were hand-harvested and destemmed, then crushed by foot and put into macro bin. Fermented on the skins for 18 days without temperature control and with punch downs roughly daily. Then pressed to 80-gallon flex tank and a 14-gallon glass demijohn.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12.5%
Bottles Made: 396



PRODUCER PROFILE

Camila Carrillo first came across wine right after high school while working in a tasting room outside Burlington, Vermont. While the wine was mostly conventional, it inspired her to travel to Italy to work in an agriturismo where her world was opened to the idea of farming and its impact on the land. From there, Camila dove headfirst into the world of wine, working several harvests from Australia to Italy before settling in Vermont and working her way up to an assistant winegrower position with the now iconic La Garagista estate in Barnard, Vermont. Now, Camila is recuperating a small vineyard and purchasing organically farmed fruit from her neighbors. She cites her grandfather and his farm outside Caracas, Venezuela as the original “La Montañuela” and the inspiration behind this project. Her visits there as a young girl had a profound effect on her as it taught her how to get connected with nature.”

VINTAGE REPORT

Camila writes: “2020 was a near perfect vintage. Dry growing season so disease pressure was low in comparison to 2019 which was a cold and rainy growing season. Thankfully the Hinesburg vineyard was harvested before bird pressure was high. I took over the farming of this vineyard in 2020. I did a hard prune and introduced some biodynamic teas and preparations. The health of the fruit and the vines was a complete 180 from the previous vintage. In 2019 due to disease and bird pressure and little care, the yields were less than half of what 2020 produced.”