

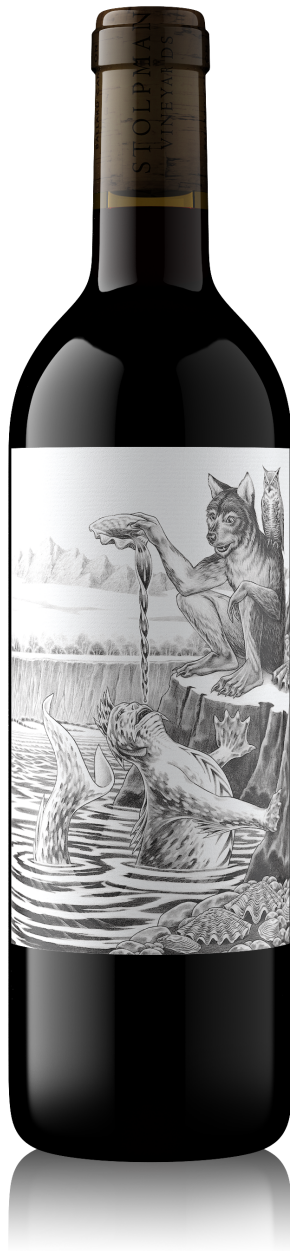
STOLPMAN

PLIOCENE

OWN ROOTED & PRE CLONAL

100% Mourvèdre

290 cases produced



Stolpman's Pre Clonal, Own Rooted Projects

In 2007, our vineyard manager Ruben Solorzano embarked on the most ambitious project in the new world – gathering pre-clonal vine material from some of the world's best vineyards, and then planting those vines without rootstock at our vineyard in Ballard Canyon. This vine material was planted own rooted with 2.5 x 3 foot spacing allowing for 6,000 vines per acre, which produce wines unlike anything we had ever tasted. Each acre can only be worked by hand – requiring the full-time human labor of one person per year, per acre to bring these wines to you. There are no tractors. There are no short cuts. This is what we've been working on since 2007 and we're excited to share it with you.

With the world getting warmer and our obsession with Bandol bursting, we couldn't resist planting Mourvèdre when we had the shot at obtaining world-class pre-clonal Mourvèdre cuttings from the famous Gold Rush Era, Enz Vineyard in San Benito County. Mourvèdre is a notoriously slow ripening varietal and without a cold vintage since 2010, we think we can consistently harvest a blockbuster wine, especially with such magical vine material.

Deep, intense red fruit backed with tarry depth. Fresh cut rosemary and minerality cover the distance in between. Under the pure red layer, brooding and savory elements flicker as enticements to take another dive. Although not as thick and heady as our Syrah cuvees, this wine will evolve as its components meld like my favorite Bandol vintages.

Vintage 2022

Region Stolpman Estate
Vineyard, Ballard Canyon AVA

Components 6,000 vine/acre,
own rooted, head pruned "Enz
Vineyard Strain" Mourvèdre

Farming Certified Organic &
Biodynamic

Harvest Date October 19

Vinification 20% whole cluster

Vatting/Fermentation Native
fermentation in concrete tanks
for 14 days

Cooperage & Elevage 10
months in neutral 500L French
Ermitage oak puncheons

14% Alc by Vol

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