

# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## **2023 Gamay Noir “Barsotti Vineyard”, El Dorado “Hommage à Marcel Lapierre”**

I first met Marcel Lapierre in Montreal, Quebec where we both worked with the same wine sales agency. I always admired his Gamay Noir's from Morgon in Beaujolais and he was a delightful guy. We traded winemaking notes. In 2023 we had the opportunity to purchase some great Gamay Noir from the Barsotti Vineyard located at 3,000 feet near Camino, California and farmed by Chuck Mansfield at Goldbud Farms. In 2023 the grapes ripened late and we harvested at a lower brix on November 8. We fermented the grapes 100% whole-cluster (no destemming), for 35 days á la Marcel Lapierre! I wanted to make more than a simple-styled wine. We pressed the vat out on December 12 and racked the wine into neutral French oak barrels. The wine stayed on primary lees until it was racked for bottling on May 20th and then bottled with just a smidgen of SO2 added on May 23rd.

It immediately has a complex floral aromatics, a lovely mouth-feel and texture, and is way to easy to drink. I think this is a serious Gamay Noir that should improve for several years in the bottle. I hope you like it as well as we do. This finished wine exceeded my expectations!

13.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.55 pH; 6.2 gm./liter total acidity.

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Cases produced: 400 cases

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