

TOFANELLI

2017 ESTATE CHARBONO: *As we know it in California, Charbono is probably the same as the nearly extinct Corbeau or Charbonneau of France. Quite rare, this varietal likes the warm climate around Calistoga where the resulting wine can be an intense black/purple color accompanied by blueberry and cranberry flavors with an earthy richness which reflects our vineyard's soil."* Vince Tofanelli... grape grower, winemaker

"I loved the 2017 Tofanelli Family Vineyard Charbono, and this is a variety you don't see often. Coming from 30-year-old vines (the Zinfandel comes from 90-year-old vines) and 70% destemmed and brought up in 25% new French oak, its deep purple color is followed by a classy bouquet of chocolatey dark fruits, ground herbs and scorched earth. With beautiful minerality, medium body, no hard edges, and a great finish, it's a terrific example of the variety. I would lean toward drinking bottles over the coming 7-8 years, although I suspect it will keep even longer."

93 Points - Jeb Dunnuck

VINIFICATION

Harvest:	<i>Hand-harvested early morning September 27, 2017</i>
Must Treatment:	<i>De-stemmed direct to open top fermenters, cold soaked 5 days, manual punchdowns, pressed to barrel</i>
Barrels:	<i>25% new French oak</i>
Barrel Aging:	<i>22 months, racked two times</i>
Final Blend:	<i>95% Estate Charbono, 2% Estate Grenache, 3% Estate Mondeuse Noir</i>
Bottling Date:	<i>July 19, 2019</i>

THE VINEYARD

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Calistoga Appellation, Napa Valley</i>
<i>Acreage:</i>	<i>4.75</i>
<i>Soil Type:</i>	<i>26 Bale Series, Gravelly Loam</i>
<i>Vine Style:</i>	<i>Head trained (Gobelet)</i>
<i>Rootstock:</i>	<i>St. George</i>
<i>Irrigation:</i>	<i>None - dry farmed</i>
<i>Philosophy:</i>	<i>Organic</i>