



SLOPE

v. 2019

96 POINTS Audrey Frick, *JebDunnuck.com*, August 2022

380 cases produced

At the Slope, the Zena Crown Vineyard shifts to face primarily south, encouraging perfect ripeness and maximum phenolic development. Symbolizing a dark winter's night, Slope has a quiet entry that crescendos rapidly with the energy of a stallion. The wine has aromas of spearmint, plumb reduction sauce, and white puffy clouds with flavors of barely ripe red fruit, rich umami, and lightly roasted coffee. The 2019 Slope reminds Winemaker, Shane Moore, of how important it is to learn from the classics, like an aspiring novelist or a young saxophonist looking to the greats and reflecting upon them.

BLOCKS	ZE5, ZE6	CLONE	667	DIRECTION	S, SW
SOIL	Jory & Witzel	VINE AGE	14 years	ELEVATION	500-600 ft
ROOTSTOCK	Riparia Gloire	TRELLISING	VSP	HARVEST DATE	9.28, 2019
BRIX	23.4	ALCOHOL	13.6% by vol	PH	3.49
AGED	16 months French oak, 60% new; M Toast			TA	0.6 g/100 mL
DESCRIPTORS	Aspiring, Classic & Electric				