JOLIE-LAIDE ROSÉ, BARSOTTI VINEYARD, EL DORADO



Gamay and Cabernet Franc. Perfumes of stone fruit, spring flowers and grapefruit peel. Citrus, melon, early strawberry and Himalayan pink sea salt on the palate. This is a playful wine. Light on its feet and ready to dance. Gamay and Cabernet Franc, sourced from the high-elevation granite soils of Barsotti Vineyard in El Dorado. Harvested in mid-September and early October, both grape varieties were kept separate during the winemaking process to preserve their distinct qualities and allow for a decision on the final blend. To ensure the retention of acidity and freshness in the wine, the grapes were whole cluster pressed to stainless steel for native yeast fermentation and then rested in neutral puncheons before blending and bottling. Jolie-Laide, founded in 2010 by Scott and Jenny Schultz is a small art house winery based out of Sonoma County, California. The name translates loosely to Pretty-Ugly, a French term of endearment to describe something that is unconventionally beautiful. The duo are co-owners, co-operators and co-winemakers who amassed years of critical working experience at many reputable wineries both in California and internationally. Considered avant-garde for challenging the status quo and respected as the vanguard of the "New California"- a movement to bring a more European sensibility of natural winemaking and championing unique yet classic varieties that are relatively unknown here in the United States. Their winemaking ethos is simple: low intervention, naturally minded and less is more. It is their unique ability to seek out spectacular vineyards- triangulating cooler sites, compelling soils and working with pioneering growers, leading to consistently delicious wines. As Scott says, "The do-nothing approach isn't new by any means; it's just funny how far many have gotten away from it."

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