

# DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE BARBERA, COOPER RANCH, SHENANDOAH VALLEY



100% Barbera. Dark, brooding aromas with notes of black pepper, blackberry, vanilla and wood smoke. Concentrated and potent, with flavors of lush cherry, spicy blackberry and ripe plum. Bright acidity and firm tannins. A full-bodied, rich red wine with a pleasing balance of fruit and spice. Good aging potential. A versatile pairing, with notes of spice and fruit making it a good match for grilled meats and other savory dishes.

Terre Rouge means "Red Earth." This vermilion-colored soil is one of the hallmarks of the region. The vineyards are in soils that are largely granite and volcanic-based. High elevation sites up to 3200' contribute to the complexity of the wines. The fruit for this wine originates from the renowned Cooper Ranch vineyard. Cooper Ranch is a highly respected, multi-generational grower in the Shenandoah Valley of Amador County, known for its old Barbera vines planted in the late 1950s. The grapes are harvested by hand. Fermentation with native yeasts. Aged in neutral American oak barrels for an extended period, often over a year.

Terre Rouge and Easton Wines is located on the West Slope of the Sierra Nevada in Amador County's Shenandoah Valley. An artisan winery established in 1986 by Bill Easton and Jane O'Riordan, they make 30 different wines, most of them very small lots. Each is unique and site-specific with a sense of place all of their own. The Terre Rouge portfolio is composed of wines made from Rhône varietals grown in the rugged and varying terroirs of the region. Winemaker Bill Easton puts his family name, Easton, on their non-Rhône-varietal wines. Easton wines are crafted from varietals that have traditionally worked the best in Amador County and the Sierra Foothills: ancient and old-vine Zinfandel, Barbera, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Sauvignon Blanc. Under the Easton label they also bottle small selections of varietals new to the Sierra Foothills: Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc. At Terre Rouge and Easton they strive to manage their business and vineyards with as little impact on the environment as possible. The vineyards are farmed sustainably; they mow and plow and don't use chemicals. The style of their red wines emphasizes deep color, balanced flavors, a full middle palate, and a long finish with power and finesse. They gain complexity with age. Their whites are aromatic, flavorful, with nice texture and balanced with good acidity. They also show an amazing mineral sense that is derived from the stony mountain soils. Their goal for the last 25 years has always been to make the finest wines possible that can be placed on a table with the best wines of the world.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*

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