

2018 Capiaux Chimera Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River

Chimera is one of my earliest wines, the name taken from Greek mythology... "a monster comprised of three different animals" as is depicted on the label. Originally blended from three vineyards back in 2001, I now have access to several excellent Russian River vineyard sources that boost its quality and value.

2018 Chimera shows medium red in color, a purple hue and purple core. Floral aromas akin to cherry blossoms and rose petals waft from the glass with nice toasty oak notes. A fresh, medium bodied wine showing dried cherry and cranberry flavors with a creamy texture and good tannin structure.

Antonio Galloni/Vinous 92pts

"...compelling. Bright, sculpted and energetic, the 2018 is just singing today. Sweet red cherry, mint, blood orange, spice and rose petal all race out of the glass. The Russian River Pinot here has often been a bit juicier, but the 2018 is done in a style that emphasizes aromatic depth and focus. Of course, the wines were just bottled about six weeks ago, so there may be some bottle shock. In any event, the 2018 is superb."

Vineyards:

40% Starscape Vineyard Young Vine (Russian River)

27% Widdoes Vineyard (Russian River)

20% Sale Vineyard (Russian River)

5% Pisoni Vineyard (Santa Lucia Highlands)

5% Wilson Vineyard (Sonoma Coast)

3% Garys' Vineyard (Santa Lucia Highlands)

Harvest date: September 17th - October 1st

Brix @ harvest: 25.8

Bottling date: August 2019

pH: 3.72

Release date: April 2020

TA (g/l): 6.1

Aging: French oak (10% new)

Alcohol: 14.6

Months aging: 11 months

Production: 1200 cases

Retail: \$30



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