



2018 RION Santa Cruz Mountains

Superb blend of 2 Bordeaux varietals – Merlot from dry-farmed Zaynte Vineyards in Santa Cruz Mountains and silky Cabernet Sauvignon from Bates Ranch, showcasing the finest coastal vineyards fruit.

Tasting Notes

Luxurious milky dark chocolate, soy sauce, teriyaki, black cherry, vanilla, black walnut, roasted and fresh hazelnut. The wine is dense, creamy, very extracted and soft with an amazingly long finish. Prevalent tannins from French oak still firm and complex. This wine benefits from cellaring for over 10 years but worthy to enjoy now.

About the Winemakers

The ultra-premium wines of Lightpost Winery are the result of the hard work and dedication of winemakers Sofia Fedotova and Christian Roguenant. Christian has won numerous awards for his wines including voted by industry peers as the 2017 California Central Coast winemaker of the year. His Champagne was served at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul Korea.

Technical Description

Vineyards selection:

70% Merlot Zayante Vineyard – Santa Cruz Mountains - High Elevation – Organic Vineyard.

30% Cabernet Sauvignon, Bates Vineyard - Santa Cruz Mountains.

Fermentation: 100% in 1.3 ton T bins for 3 weeks

Alcohol: 14.90%

pH: 3.64

TA: 6.10 grams/L.

Oak Regiment: 60% New French Oak M+ toast from the Seguin Moreau cooperage for 22 months.

Aging potential: 2030

Cases produced: 100

Pairing suggestion: any red meat such as short ribs and stew or preparation evolving long cooking and a very rich sauce.

