

2022 Charbono

Luchsinger Vineyard Lake County

Charbono, also known as Bonarda (Argentina) or Douce Noire (Savoie, France) has a storied place in the history of California wine. Grown and produced in California since the 1940s, the styles over the years have ranged from medium-bodied and snappy to richly extracted and aged in flashy new oak barrels. In spite of the multitude of styles being produced, every year more and more Charbono vines are being torn out for more Pinot Noir, Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon. Our snappy little version is an effort to shed some light on this delicious variety that shows alpine freshness and California sunshine all in a single sip.

100% Charbono
100% Luchsinger Vineyard, Lake County
100% Whole Cluster Fermentation – partial carbonic maceration
Ambient yeasts & Bacteria
5-Month élevage in Neutral French Oak 500L Puncheons
Free So2 @ Bottling – 5ppm
3.65 pH
12.5% Abv

Tasting Note:

Blue flowers, rose petals, herbs, white-chocolate and blue fruits jump from the dizzying aromatics of this deep purple wine. Loaded with fruit and acid, this is a zippy red wine for sure, not terribly light but far from heavy, definitely a versatile red wine that will drink well chilled with BBQ on release and get more nuanced with time in bottle. Drink this one young for more snap or let it age for a year or two for more of that creamy richness to dominate.