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VINUM CELLARS 2016 'THE SCRAPPER' CABERNET FRANC

El Dorado County



Vinum Cellars are founded in 1997 by two young first-generation winemakers, Richard Bruno and Chris Condos, who met and became friends while studying viticulture and enology at UC Davis. They shared a fondness for European wines and the more obscure varietals, and even today, some twenty-four years into their Vinum Cellars wine project, they continue to specialize in these 'underdog' varietals. After graduating from UC Davis, Condos went to work for Pine Ridge as Enologist and Bruno went on to become the head distiller of winemaking for Don Sebastiani and Sons. When they decided to start working together, their combined experience was rather remarkable.

Over the years, Vinum Cellars has grown to work with a number of premium, sustainably-minded grape growers throughout California. From Clarksburg in the North Sacramento Delta, to El Dorado County, Napa Valley, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Paso Robles, and San Benito County, Bruno and Condos produce wines from single vineyards and appellations throughout the state. Most of their wines are made in very small batches and represent experimental winemaking methods, while also preserving an Old World approach.

Vinum Cellars has also grown to include four unique winery brands - Vinum Cellars, Sierra Del Mar Vineyard, Typesetter, and Spring Street Winery. Sierra Del Mar offers wines from various cool climates in California; Typesetter is an ode to Bruno's maternal grandfather who was a lithographer and Typesetter and produces inky Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and Spring Street focuses on California's Central Coast, producing a range of site-driven wines.

'The Scrapper' is a special wine from the El Dorado Foothills that Bruno and Condos have been making for over twenty vintages now - and no surprise, it represents one of their favorite 'underdog' varietals, Cabernet Franc. Bruno and Condos named this wine, 'The Scrapper' (a fighter) because they believe the varietal is sometimes forgotten in the shadows of the more popular varietal, Cabernet Sauvignon. The Scrapper image on the wine label is a photo of Gene Tunney, the 1926 Heavyweight Champion of the World. He defeated the more popular fighter, Jack Dempsey, twice in order to win the crown - a feat no one else ever did. Bruno and Condos hope this metaphor serves as a good reminder to never underestimate the quality and potential of the underdog. What's more, 'The Scrapper' Cabernet Franc has an incredible legacy of multiple award-winning vintages and 90+ ratings, which definitely has our attention.

We hope you enjoy this bottling from Vinum Cellars - truly a scrapper and a great one at that. Cheers!

Accolades and Tasting Notes

88 Points — *Wine Enthusiast* magazine

Vinum Cellars' 2016 'The Scrapper' Cabernet Franc comes from Camino Alto Vineyard in the El Dorado Foothills that's managed by veteran grower Ron Mansfield. Ron has organically farmed this vineyard for over 35 years and his rich, intense, mountain fruit has made 'The Scrapper' an award-winning wine for many vintages. Deep plum in color, this Cabernet Franc opens with intense aromas of blueberry, cassis and huckleberry that jump from the glass. The palate is silky and well-structured with flavors of ripe blueberry, cassis, tobacco and black cherry, lined with hints of vanilla. It drinks beautifully now, but will mature gracefully for 20+ years. Aged 26 months in French Oak. 100% Cabernet Franc. Enjoy!



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