ECO TERRENO
WINES & VINEYARDS

2017
LEONCITO
ALEXANDER VALLEY



ABOUT ECO TERRENO

Great wines are not just produced, rather they are carefully cultivated. At Eco Terreno our vast experience along with time honored traditions and a healthy respect for the land help us cultivate grapes that are of the utmost quality and flavor. In 1980, after an extensive search, Founder and Winemaker Mark Lyon found a 122-acre (92 acres planted to vines) vineyard in Alexander Valley near Cloverdale. Today the Lyon and Cisne Vineyards are both 100% certified Organic.

HARVEST NOTES

Our Leoncito (Spanish for little lion) is a proprietary blend that gives a nod to the Alexander Valley's Hispanic heritage. Record breaking winter rainfall kicked off the season, replenishing soils and ponds. A gentle spring brought bud break at the normal time, pleasing us with small berries of excellent color. The hot summer ensued, peaking on Labor Day weekend. Our grapes fared well, but welcomed the cooler temperatures later in the season, allowing the red varietals to mature at a more gradual, even pace. Our Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc were co-fermented in a 10-ton fermenter, whereas the Merlot was later harvested fully ripe and fermented separately. Each varietal contributed; Cabernet Franc with its red fruit impressions (raspberry and cherry notes) and tobacco leaf aromatics; Petit Verdot added color, structure, and floral aromatics; and Merlot, in support, provided nuances of black fruits and plum flavors.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Leoncito is a dark purple color. Aromas of boysenberry lead to notes of vanilla and baking spices. With a smooth yet medium-bodied palette, this wine offers rich flavors of ripe black cherry, red berries, dark chocolate and a long, silky finish.

AVA:	Alexander Valley
HARVEST DATE:	September & October 2017
BLEND:	64% Cabernet Franc, 25% Petit Verdot, 11% Merlot
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:	14.6%
TA:	5.5 g/L
PH:	3.68
AGING:	35% new Saury American oak, 65% 1 & 2 year-old Saury French oak. Time in barrel - 14 months.
BOTTLED:	March 2019
CASES PRODUCED:	160
MSRP:	$45
ESTATE:	CCOF Certified Organic

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