Vineyard Notes
The vineyard where we found this esoteric grape is the Babcock Vineyard in Suisun Valley. The Babcock family has a small acreage of it planted, and it made some super interesting wine. With only 89 acres of Charbono planted in California, this wine is a real treat. This variety’s oldest name is Douce Noir and it is thought to have originated in Savoie in eastern France, which debunked the theory that this grape originated in the Piedmonte region of Italy, where it is widely planted. It is now most densely planted in Argentina.

Production
Pick Date: 10/4/2017
Yeast: M2
Fermentation: Fermented in macro bins with two punch downs daily
Bottled: 4/2018

Winemaker Comments
Wine nerd alert: This is a super geeky wine. Hard to find grapes, low alcohol and bright acidity make this wine FUN. Throw this one in a blind tasting and watch nobody guess the varietal correctly. It reminds me of a cross between a Sangiovese and a Cabernet Sauvignon. Present acidity gives way to black cherry, plum, raspberry, violet, tobacco leaf, and boysenberry.

Technical Specifications
Appellation
Suisun Valley
Composition
100% Charbono
Alcohol
12.45%
PH
3.39
Residual Sugar:
0g/100ml
Total Acidity
0.62g / 100ml
Barrels
100% neutral French oak
Release Date
February 2019
Suggested Retail
$20