

2019 Aglianico, Capay Oaks Vineyard

100% Aglianico from the Capay Oaks Vineyard. Our friends Ron and Sandy Lutsko planted the vines, per Steve's recommendation, to match the sunny climate and gravelly clay soils of the Capay Valley. The Capay Valley has more in common with the hottest regions of Southern Italy than with the cooler coastal Napa or Sonoma, and the slower ripening and heat loving Aglianico is perfectly suited to the climate.

The grapes were destemmed and fermented very simply in a small open top tank, punched down twice a day, then pressed and aged for 10 months in neutral barrels. There was no fining or filtering and only native yeasts were used in the fermentation. No sulfites were added to the wine.

The pH is 3.54, the TA is 5.9 g/l, and the alcohol is 12.0%. 25 cases produced.