



Harvest 2019: It was never more fun to play in the dirt than it was in 2019.

Up and down the Central Coast, our varietals grew in a variety of soils ranging from calcareous limestone of West Paso Robles to ruggedly unique sandy soils in Sta. Rita Hills. One minute, our feet stood on rocky hilltops that were once the bottom of the Pacific Ocean and other times, we were entrenched in windswept, beachy sand. We marveled at the differences and knew that these vineyards would make masterful blends. There was ample rainfall in 2019, a cool spring with a late bud break. Overall, the growing season was temperate, and ripening was picture perfect. What results are wines of balance, concentration and great complexity. The literal fruits of 2019's labor have been a joy to watch grow and to raise into this wine. This is Copia's finest, most compelling harvest to date.



Copia Vineyards 2019 'The Source'

Varietal Composition: 93% Syrah, 7% Grenache

Appellation and Vineyards: Central Coast
Kimsey, John Sebastiano, Bien Nacido, Alta Colina, Live Oak Ranch, Denner

Winemaking: Varietals were handpicked in October at the peak of flavor ripeness and phenolic maturity. Grapes were carefully cluster sorted, 100% destemmed and fermented in stainless steel. After a cold maceration, daily punch-downs, pump-overs and pneumatage were conducted.

Élevage: The wine rested for 20 months 56% new French oak.

Production: 280 cases

Bottled on: June 11, 2021

pH: 3.7

TA: 6

Alc By Vol: 14.5%

Suggested Retail Price: \$65

Tasting Notes: The Source is vivacious, full-bodied and multi-layered. Baker's chocolate and black forest cake, ripe blackberries, and cassis flourish with tones of cracked pepper, smoky bacon, aromatic herbs and leather. Refined tannins and mouthwatering acidity create balance. The Source is a savory showstopper of a Syrah.

Ratings:

95 pts + Cellar Selection, Wine Enthusiast | "This bottling offers aromas of violet and asphalt ... The palate is intensely dense and concentrated ... waves of violet, açai, pepper and asphalt flow across a seamlessly integrated sip." - *Matt Kettmann*

93 pts, Owen Bargreen | "The 2019 'The Source' displays ripe black cherry liquor, cigar ash and hints of beef brisket ... Full-bodied, with a good acid backbone ..."

92 pts, James Suckling | "Blackberry, ink-pot and lavender aromas follow through to a full body with crushed berries and stone."

92-94 pts, Jeb Dunnuck | "I like its balance ... and it has an assortment of darker berry fruits as well a peppery spice and violet aromas and flavors ... nicely concentrated."