



2017 SCYLLA

We are delighted to release into the world our debut vintage of Scylla. Sourced largely from acres of old vines hidden in plain sight along the backroads of Lodi --a short walk from Bechthold-- two old Carignane vineyards planted circa 1920 comprise the backbone of this wine, supplemented by our traditional sources of centenary Grenache and Mourvedre, bringing the average vine age to 99 years.

Allusions to rocks and hard places notwithstanding, Scylla wraps its silky yet toothsome, urbane yet rustic charms around its chosen fare without drawing it into the abyss. Prismaticly perfumed, yet gently firm, it lifts us up, and invites another glass. Like the carignane at its core, with its beastly reputation for high acidity, high tannin, and high yield like some six-headed, man-eating, 300-foot long red sea serpent, when mellowed and moderated after ninety years, its underlying Birichino nature is revealed in a bright, pulsing whirlpool of refreshment and red fruits.

As with all our red wines, fermentation was native with some quantity of stems; aging was in neutral barrel; and bottling was done without fining or filtration. All Scylla, no fylla.

Release Date: Summer 2018
Composition: 62% Carignane, 33% Grenache, 5% Mourvèdre
Appellation: California

