

# Linne Calodo

## SPRING 2021 WINE RELEASE

### 2018 Sticks and Stones (\$92/btl)

64% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 3% Graciano, 3% Mourvèdre  
100% grown from Linne Calodo Estate vineyards  
15.8% Alcohol by Volume

*Suggested pairings: Moroccan spiced chicken and artichoke tagine, sweet or spicy barbecue, salad nicoise, aged manchego, sunset...*

Sticks and Stones sparkles in the sunlight, its bright ruby hue instantly brings a smile to your face. The aromatics evoke a strawberry rhubarb pie topped with fresh whipped cream enjoyed in a grove of eucalyptus on the first warm day of Spring. The candied fruit pops across the palate, with undertones of California sagebrush and beef marinade hinting at many years of development ahead. As the wine ages the relaxation of acidity and tannin will transform the bright juicy pop to a gentle enveloping flow, releasing layers of earth, chaparral and brown sugar to the red fruit. Drunk young, it seems to pass its own excitement onto your tongue, impossible to not return for that next sip. Drink now through 2022 to enjoy the fresh strawberry energy, 2025-2032 for a more mellow and earthy enjoyment.



### 2018 Overthinker (\$95/btl)

55% Syrah, 38% Grenache, 7% Mourvèdre  
100% grown from Linne Calodo Estate vineyards  
15.4% Alcohol by Volume

*Suggested pairings: Cassoulet, duck, venison, winter greens, Valençay goat cheese...*

The original estate blend, Overthinker pulls from the very first planting on the estate of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre in 2005. These dry-farmed vines have deep roots that produce dense little berries packed with flavor and structure. The wine is incredibly powerful, and yet unimaginably smooth for its young age. An iron fist wrapped in a velvet glove. When you breathe in the wine you are transported to the chalky granite and limestone cliffs dotted with oaks and redwood found throughout California. The fruit is rich and full, black raspberry, dates, blood orange, there is a new note to discover each time you return to the glass. Sweet pipe tobacco, cigar box, and clove hint at the Syrah and the new French oak in which it aged. A long and seemingly never ending finish revisits each of these notes with a firm tannin sweeping across your tongue. This wine is at the start of its life, and yet it already stuns with its density, complexity and perfect silky texture. Drink now through 2038.



### 2018 Cherry Red (\$84/btl)

67% Zinfandel, 28% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre  
100% grown from Linne Calodo Estate vineyards  
15.5% Alcohol by Volume

*Suggested pairings: Braised oxtail, winter stews, roast squab, charred octopus, charcuterie, feta...*

One of our most coveted blends, this vintage of Cherry Red shows slightly more restraint and structure than past vintages, while still offering the distinct and decadent flavors it is known for. The aromatics remind one of a patisserie, trays of fresh croissants, cream puffs and clafoutis coming out of the oven, creamy and buttery pastry intermingled with the dense fruit. An elegant exposition of cherry flavors crescend over the drinker at the first sip. On the tip of your tongue, it is the young, bright red, first fruit of the harvest. As it reaches your mid-palate, it transforms into dark and juicy peak of harvest black cherries, and, finally sun-dried bing cherries linger in a seemingly never-ending finish. Hints of molten caramel brought by the American oak it aged in compliment the overall pleasure Cherry Red has to offer. Drink it now, drink it in twenty years, this wine does not know how to disappoint.

