

2018 West Opera Cuvée



- Cabernet Sauvignon 70%
- Sangiovese 30%
- Dry Creek Valley, AVA
- Harvested October 2018
- Bottled March 2021
- Aged 28 months in French oak barrels
- Alc. 13.5%

West Opera Cuvée is our tribute to Italy. In Tuscany the **Sangiovese** grape has always been a staple in Chianti wines. Modern Italian winemakers blend it with **Cabernet Sauvignon** or Merlot to create their famed Super Tuscan wines.

West Opera Cuvée is a fun and festive wine, rich in flavors of strawberry and raspberry from the Sangiovese, and more spicy notes of cloves, licorice and cinnamon from Cabernet and an earthy body with well-rounded tannins. The wine was aged 28 months in French oak barrels before being bottled. We have previously used the name Tuscan Cuvee for our Cabernet/Sangiovese blend and this is the first vintage as Opera Cuvee.

The Cabernet Sauvignon grows on our hillside property in the north end of Dry Creek Valley and the Sangiovese grapes come from a neighboring vineyard in our valley, creating this Dry Creek Valley AVA wine. The grapes are hand harvested and meticulously sorted before crush and fermentation.

West Wines in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County was founded in 1998 by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our winemaking style leans heavily on French methods. Our vineyards are certified California Sustainable. The wines are made by winemaker **Katarina Bonde**. Katarina has blended a Winemaker's certificate from UC Davis with hands on experience at West Wines crafting our portfolio of wines.