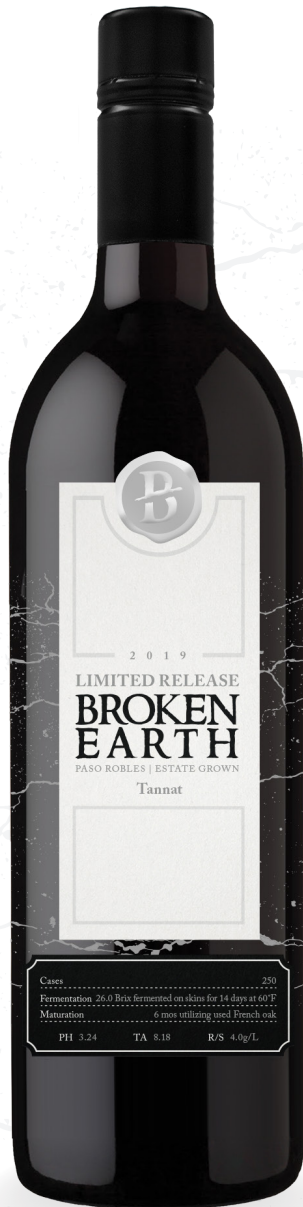


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**Tannat** - This variety originates from the south west of France in the region of Madiran, part of historical Basque territory. Typically it is blended with Cabernet Franc in the wines labeled Madiran. More recently it has become the preferred red grape for the country of Uruguay and has gained international acclaim.

Our Estate vineyards added Tannat as a variety in 2012. Block 1N consists of 5 acres of vines planted on 10' x 5' spacings utilizing simple vertical shoot positioning (VSP) for canopy management. It is a prolific growing variety and we strive to keep yields below 4 tons/acre to ensure depth and concentration of flavours.

As a variety, it exhibits very deep colour with bright, black berry fruits and considerable tannin. The real trick is to manage those tannins to provide a seamless flow through the palate. The 2019 vintage provided the right conditions to meet our expectations. The resulting wine was harvested quite ripe at 26 Brix and the ferment was conducted at a cool 60°F. This ensures the more delicate aromas and flavours persist. It only spent 6 months in second use French oak barriques to add supporting texture rather than dominate the wine.

It has great length of flavour with hints of dark berries and liquorice. The ever present tannins are bound wonderfully with the fruit and the bright natural acidity. This is a fairly robust wine that deserves equally rich dishes to pair.

CHRIS CAMERON  
Winemaker



Alcohol..... **14.97%** pH..... **3.24** R/S..... **4.0 g/L** TA..... **8.18 g/L**  
Harvest Date..... **Oct 2019** Bottling Date..... **Oct 2021**

