

# Carol Shelton

2022

## COQUILLE\* ROUGE

(Red Rhône-style blend)

Central Coast

The red wines of the Rhône Valley were the inspiration for this blend, in which Carignane and Grenache Noir bring tangy red fruit, Mourvèdre fills in with savory gaminess, Alicante Bouschet adds spicy blueberry fruit (and color!), and Petite Sirah gives peppery backbone. These century vines in Oakley in the sands on the San Joaquin delta demonstrate the true meaning of teamwork, producing a rich and spicy mouthful of deliciousness.

\*Coquille is pronounced “ko-keel” and it is French for shellfish or scallop, like the scallop shells on the Shelton family coat of arms.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Nose shows delightful strawberry and black cherry and blueberry fruit, a bit of savory leather notes and sweet vanilla oak. Lively in mouth but super smooth and creamy, richly textured and layered, elegant and long.

### Harvest Date:

August 27 and September 6-7 and 19, 2022

### Average Brix at Harvest:

Average 26.0°brix

### Fermentation Characteristics:

2-day cold soak, part fermented 0.8-ton T-bins & punched down by hand twice daily, and balance fermented in larger tank, déléstaged early then pumped over---6-10 days total on skins

### Cellar Storage/Aging:

6 months in mostly older oak barrels:  
54% French (6% 2<sup>nd</sup> fill)  
40% American (12% 2<sup>nd</sup> fill)  
6% Hungarian (3<sup>rd</sup> fill)

### Alcohol:

14.4%

### Total Acidity:

0.61 gm/100ml

3.67 pH

### Varietals:

24% Mourvèdre  
24% Carignane  
20% Petite Sirah  
20% Grenache Noir  
10% Alicante Bouschet  
2% Viognier

### Appellation :

92% Central Coast:  
80% Century vines in Oakley, Contra Costa Co  
12% Paso Robles  
8% Sonoma County      \*\*all Sustainably Grown

### Case production:

792 cases

### Bottling Date:

May 4, 2023

### Release Date:

June 2024



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