

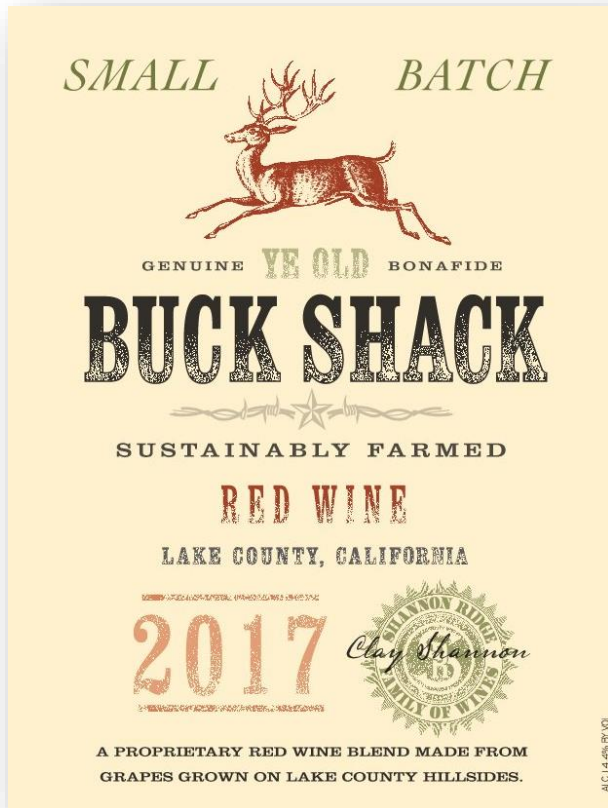
GENUINE **YE OLD** BONAFIDE

BUCK SHACK



NESTED DEEP IN OUR VINEYARDS STOOD A DILAPIDATED 100-YEAR-OLD SKINNING SHED CALLED THE "YE OLD BUCK SHACK". WE LOVED THE BEAUTY AND HISTORY OF THIS OLD BUILDING. WE RESTORED IT AND CONVERTED IT INTO A WHISKEY BAR ON OUR PROPERTY CALLED "SHEEP CAMP".

THE SHACK LOOKS AND FEELS LIKE AN OLD WESTERN MOVIE AND IT SERVES AS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR US TO GATHER AND USE BAD JUDGMENT.



"Our Syrah and Petite Sirah provide the juicy, yet structured base. We blend in small amounts of Merlot for a fleshy mid palate, Cab Franc for aromatics and tannin, and Barbera for a touch of acidity and balance. Enjoy!"

- Joy Merrilees,
Director of Winemaking

VINTAGE 2017

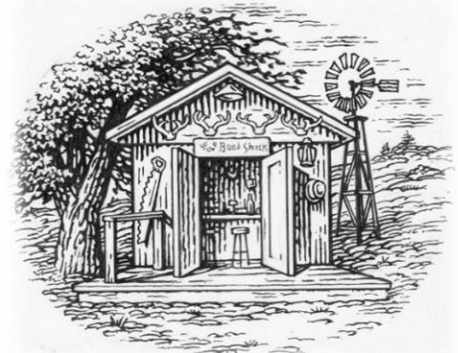
AN EL NINO WEATHER PATTERN BROUGHT A WET WINTER AND SPRING TO THE NORTH COAST IN 2017. A HEAT SPIKE IN JUNE ADVANCED THE WHITE GRAPES AND PROMPTED HARVEST IN LATE AUGUST. ONCE THE WHITE GRAPES WERE IN, COOLER WEATHER SET IN AND GAVE US A DELAYED START TO THE RED GRAPE HARVEST 2 WEEKS LATER. OVERALL, THE CROP CAME IN A LITTLE LIGHTER THAN AVERAGE. 95% OF THE VINTAGE WAS IN WHEN THE FIRES IN SONOMA, NAPA AND LAKE COUNTIES BEGAN. WE WERE LUCKILY UNSCATHED, EVEN WITH THE SULPUR FIRE LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE HOME RANCH. WHEW!

BARREL AGING AND WINEMAKING

COMPONENTS FOR THIS WINE COME FROM THE HIGHEST ELEVATION WHERE WE GET MAXIMUM SUN EXPOSURE AND THE MOST CONCENTRATION AND POWER IN THE WINES.

IN HONOR OF USING BAD JUDGMENT, WE LAID THESE WINES DOWN IN SOME EXPENSIVE NEW BARRELS AND LET IT AGE. WHAT CAME FROM IT WAS DANGEROUS DELICIOUSNESS IN A BOTTLE. BE CAREFUL WITH THIS ONE, DON'T GET IN TROUBLE.

Alcohol 14.4% 8,979 cases produced



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