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2016

Bluetooth Alicante Bouschet

Bastoni Vineyard, Fountaingrove District

The deep blue-purple color of the Alicante Bouschet grape, juice and all, makes it a frequent contributor to old vine field blends with Zin and friends, but it is sometimes lacking in depth and finesse on its own...until now. In rare vintages like this one, it bursts with blueberry fruit flavors and a gentle kiss of creamy oak...a true wine geek's delight!

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Ripe blueberry fruit, lots of white pepper with a bit of black pepper. Massive mouthful of chewy tannins and very bright blueberry fruit. Slightly tart, long chewy finish—gimme a nice rib-eye!

Harvest Date: October 1, 2016
Average Brix at Harvest: 26.2°Brix (soaked)
Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.58 gm/100ml pH 4.1

Fermentation Characteristics: 3 day cold soak, fermented in 0.8-ton bins
Hand punched down twice/day, 3 yeasts
19 days total on skins

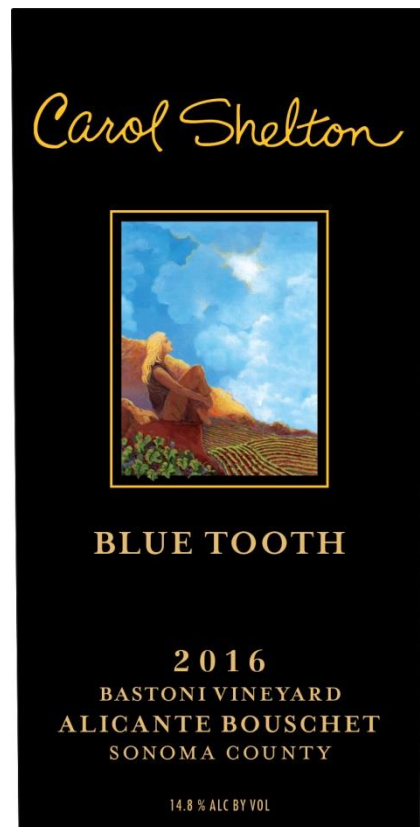
Cellar Storage/Aging: 3 years and 6 months in oak barrels--
67% 2nd fill French
33% older American

Alcohol: 14.6%
Total Acidity: 0.70 gm/100ml
pH: 3.64 pH

Varietal Composition : 88% Alicante Bouschet, 2% Zin,
8% Petite Sirah, 2% Carignane

Appellation : 98% Bastoni Vineyard, Riebli Rd,
Fountaingrove District, Sonoma Co.

Case production: 154 cases
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