Hillside Wines & Spirits
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CALIFORNIA

RUSSELL & JOYCE

Carmel

Gamay Noir Arroyo Secco

The History

The origins of Joyce Winery trace back to when now owner and winemaker Russell Joyce's father stumbled upon the small rural town of Carmel Valley California in 1972. Russell's father was in search for a place where he could both practice his day job but also set up a race shop for his race cars he used to compete in his professional racing career. The close proximity of the infamous Laguna Seca raceway along with the rural feel of the area appealed to him being a small town farm boy from Wisconsin. After settling down and starting a family he was on to his next passionate endeavor - wine. In 1986 he planted the small 5 acres around the family home and Joyce Winery was born.

The Grape

100% Gamay Noir

Tasting Note

Starts with a nose of cherry juice, pink peppercorns and lilacs which in turn lead to a crunchy mineral driven and spicy light framed palate of crushed raspberry, cranberry, blood orange, rhubarb, black tea, herbal pine, strawberry water and red pepper flakes. Inspired by Cru Beaujolais wines the Gamay Noir is highly quaffable and is precise in detail, it is also highly enjoyable with a slight chill.