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VAN ARDI - ARENI RESERVE 2018

Van Ardi translates as 'Sun of Van', referring to the ancient capital of Armenia where Varuzhan Mouradian's ancestors are from. Varuzhan moved to armenia in 2008 to pursue his dream of making wine in Armenia after having lived in the US for many years. The result is a boutique estate winery based near Ashtarak, less than an hour Northwest of the capital, Yerevan. Since its inception, the estate has operated based on organic principles, and has achieved Organic Certification through Ecoglobe, the local agency that serves as the USDA National Organic Program's Accredited Certifying Agent.

When Armenia was absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1921, the identity of many Armenian varieties was obscured and eventually forgotten. Due to the Soviet demand for brandy, fermented fruit juice gained anonymity, and many vineyards were replanted to maximize yields. Varuzhan is one of the winemakers who has shifted the focus to indigenous, high quality grape varieties.

The Areni Reserve showcases Van Ardi's Areni grapes. The first to plant this variety commercially in this region, Van Ardi shows with this bottling that Areni can make expressive, intensely flavored wines in the Ashtarak region as well.

The Areni Reserve is a wine that displays bright, fresh red berry-infused aromas that blend effortlessly with the earthy, roasted aromas of the barrel aging. Try it with roasted lamb and herb crusted potatoes.

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LIMITED TO 700 CASES / YEAR

WINERY: VAN ARDI
FOUNDED: 2008
VINTAGE: 2018
PRODUCER: VARUZHAN MOURADIAN
REGION: ARAGATSOTN
VILLAGE: SASUNIK
SOIL: LIMESTONE, VOLCANIC ROCK,
SILT ELEVATION: 1,050 METERS

VARIETY: 100% ARENI
AGING: 100% AGED IN 2ND/3RD USE
BARRELS ALCOHOL: 13.5%
PRUNING: CANE PRUNED
FARMING: OWN ROOTED, NON-GRAFTED
VINE AGE: 12 YEARS

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