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• The Beguiled • Sparkling Red Grape & Peach Wine



vineyard: Les Carouges, Vergennes vineyard (Champlain Valley, Vermont) soil: clay and limestone, lacustrine sediment and sandy shist and gneiss bedrock, greenstone

elevation: 94 ft. Vergennes Valley floor varietal: 100% Marquette (red varietal cross with vinifera parentage Pinot Noir)

fruit: ripe peaches

alc %: 12

agriculture: biodynamic

It's beguiling, she said, this homage to summertime. In the Tuscan countryside, a chilled glass of red Sangiovese with a ripe half peach macerating in it, speaks of hot days of summer sun, warm breezes, fruit hanging from the trees and vines, roses perfuming the air.

This classic Italian summertime drink was the inspiration for this cofermentation when we found ourselves with a rich bounty of peaches last August. We steeped the halved ripe peaches in a demijohn of just fermenting Marquette from the Vergennes vineyard and bottled when the time was right.

A soft sparkling red threaded through with the texture and perfume of the peaches.