

MODEL FARM

The 2021 vintage brought a breath of fresh air. Cool, steady harvest temperatures and continued dry conditions culminated in wines that favor elegance over richness. The purity of each wine allows for exceptional site transparency, clearly capturing the nuances that makes each vineyard compelling and unique. We



2021 CHARDONNAY

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN VINEYARD, SONOMA VALLEY

Careful, thoughtful site selection is at the core of everything we do. We seek out compelling vineyards with unique terroir that share in our dedication to sustainable, honest farming, and allow us to create balanced wines of freshness, minerality, and textural richness.

A site we have long admired, Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, checks all of these boxes for us. Isolated on a windswept ridge-top separating Sonoma Valley from Petaluma, this old vine vineyard is planted on an outcropping of pure volcanic rock. Sitting high above the valley below, the vineyard is exposed to the full brunt of wind from the Petaluma Gap and cold fog that funnels off of the San Pablo Bay. Very thin, rocky soils allow the vines to reach their optimal ripeness despite the challenging climate.

CELLAR NOTES

Once in the cellar, we are solely focused on translating this exciting terroir into the bottle. We utilize transparent winemaking techniques, make skillful choices at the press, and exercise a lot of patience which ultimately allows the fruit to coalesce into a wine of incredible depth, tension, mineral precision, and cellaring potential.

Our Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Chardonnay was harvested in the early morning hours of August 31st, marking our second vintage from this exceptional site. What has become abundantly clear is how strong the terroir signature is in this wine. The unique volcanic terroir lends the wine a natural mineral precision and notes of jasmine, lemon, oyster shell, and rainwater

2021 WILDCAT MOUNTAIN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

- Harvested 8/31/2021 at 21.5° Brix
- Volcanic Soil
- Selection 76 (Burgundy)
- Fermented and Raised in neutral French Oak and further aging in stainless steel
- 13 % Alc
- 4 Barrels Produced (100 cases)



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2021 SYRAH

LA CRUZ VINEYARD, PETALUMA GAP

La Cruz Vineyard was planted in 1989 by Ted Lemon for the Keller Family. Located at the southeastern end of the Petaluma Gap appellation, La Cruz is one of the farthest vineyards from the namesake 'Gap' where the wind and fog funnel in from the ocean every afternoon. This slight change in climate from the rest of the appellation affords the vines extend sunshine and a bit of extra warmth, leading to deeper, richer fruit while still maintaining the trademark freshness that defines Syrah from the Petaluma Gap.

CELLAR NOTES

There is an inherent richness and depth to the fruit from La Cruz vineyard which requires restraint to preserve the purity and

balance of the finished wine. Two selections of Syrah were harvested between September 20th and the 28th. The Noir selection was picked first. True to name, Noir brings dark fruit and structure which act as the backbone of the wine. The following week, the Alban selection was harvested. The Alban gives red-fruited freshness, ample acidity, and is perfect for whole-cluster fermentation. Together these contrasting components blend beautifully and build a wine of depth, purity, and freshness. The 2021 vintage is a stand out, deep aromatic complexity, pure fruit, juicy acidity, and old world soul.

Farmed using strictly organic and Biodynamic practices. 100% native fermentation, no additions, 70% whole cluster fermented, bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. (12.5% alc), 4 barrels produced.

2021 LA CRUZ VINEYARD SYRAH

- Hillside vineyard in the South Eastern Petaluma Gap Appellation
- South/Southwest facing slope
- Gravelly - Loam soils
- Organically Farmed
- Noir harvested 9/8, Alban harvested 9/17
- 70% Whole Cluster
- Raised in Neutral French Oak Puncheon (500 L)
- 13 % Alc, 3.6 pH, 6.1 TA
- 4 Barrels Produced (100 cases)



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2021 SYRAH SONOMA VALLEY

Our Sonoma Valley Syrah comes from the Kuenster-Miers Vineyard located at the southeastern base of the Sonoma Mountains. We designed and planted this vineyard in 2013 with the Kuenster-Miers family, selecting three of our favorite Syrah selections: Chave, Alban, and Noir. The volcanic gravel and clay loam soils provide enough water retention for dry-farming, and strict organic viticultural practices have been employed since the vineyards origination. Sheltered from climatic extremes, the consistent cool nights and warm days provide ideal growing conditions for classically styled Syrah of full flavor intensity and impeccable balance. Developing a vineyard from the ground up with our finished wine firmly in mind has been an immensely rewarding experience and a dream realized.

CELLAR NOTES

Eight years ago, we sat down to design a vineyard that would express everything we love about classic Syrah. The steady, consistent growing season of the 2021 vintage presented an opportunity to do just that. Black fruits, olive, pepper, and game make our Sonoma Valley Syrah instantly engaging and highly satisfying, while youthful acidity, whole cluster tannins, and a strong mineral core allow many years of evolution. As with all of our wines, we chose to utilize traditional techniques in the winery. On the morning of September 12th, the grapes were picked, sorted, and placed in small, upright wood fermentors. Fermentation occurred naturally and gentle movement of the juice was carried out twice daily. The wine was then aged for 18 months in large, 500L Puncheons.

Farmed using strictly organic practices. 100% native fermentation, 50% whole cluster fermented, bottled unfiltered, 13 % alc, 5 barrels produced.

2021 SONOMA VALLEY SYRAH

- Volcanic vineyard at the base of the Sonoma Mountains
- Planted by Model Farm in 2013
- Organically Farmed
- Harvested 9/12
- 50% Whole Cluster
- Raised in Neutral French Oak Puncheon (500 L)
- 12.5 % Alc, 3.8 pH, 5.9 TA
- 5 Barrels Produced (125 cases)

