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BOUCHAINE

N A P A V A L L E Y ♦ C A R N E R O S



2021 Estate Syrah

Vineyard

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Syrah.

Growing Season

The 2021 growing season will be remembered as a winemaker's vintage. Not too cold, not too hot, not too wet, and no frost. However, we were in the grips of a multiyear drought. While we enjoy dry farming when we have average rainfall, in vintages where the rainfall is half of average (like 2021) we do irrigate to allow for ideal shoot growth and ripening. Bouchaine is lucky to have a huge reservoir so we were able to irrigate early in the season to get our vine canopies full. Drought conditions do have some positives when it comes to winemaking as they bring us smaller berries with beautifully concentrated flavors at harvest. We also lucked out with consistent weather throughout the summer giving us ideal ripening at an even pace. A little sun, a bit of water, and a lot of hard work in the vineyard allowed us to bring in a killer 2021 vintage!

Vinification

Grapes are hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity and low temperatures for cold soak. After a 7-day cold soak in open top tanks, only native yeast is used to ferment the Syrah. The wine is drawn off at the end of fermentation and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. Malolactic fermentation is completed in French oak barrels, where the wine will age for 18 months on lees before final assembly just prior to bottling for added nuance and depth.

Tasting Notes

Like the fog that blankets our vineyard, this is a wine that will envelop you and leave an impression. Dense, from its core to its edges. Intense, from its aromas to its flavors. Mysterious, from its layers to its deep brooding nature. This wine simply does not care what you think because it already knows you want more. It may have begun its journey creeping in like the fog, but it quickly explodes on the scene and becomes your favorite.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

18 months

Harvest Date

October 4, 2021

Bottling Date

April 12, 2023

Maturation

58% new French oak

PH

3.67

TA

5.74 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.8%

Production

500 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$125

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