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Hudson Vineyard Syrah

100% Syrah

2021

Vineyard Story



This historic vineyard was one of the earliest vineyards planted in Carneros in the late 1830s. Tucked into the rolling hills of Carneros, north of the two-lane “Carneros Highway” connecting Sonoma and Napa, is a mosaic of vineyard blocks planted and fastidiously farmed by Lee Hudson. We picked Syrah from a 3-acre block on the upper portion of these famed vineyards. The conditions here are perfect for coaxing spicy, savory flavors and a full, supple palate from the mighty and luxurious Syrah grape.

Winemaker's Notes



This wine exudes the essence of Syrah. The nose is expressive with orange peel, espresso roast, Spanish cedar, and hints of lilac with touches of smoked meats and bramble berry. The palate is complex with gorgeous red fruit and exotic spices. Flavors of raspberry, damson plum, dry porcini mushrooms, coriander, and cardamom lead to a long finish of savory pie crust that lingers around plush tannins.



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Vintage Notes



The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. This year's growing season can best be described as a cold start to a warm fast finish. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions. Harvest began early with white wine grapes picked in August and some reds started being picked in September. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The 2021 vintage will be marked with outstanding and intense flavor profiles.

Pairing Insights



Chef Derek Kuntz suggests pairing this cool weather Syrah with smoked pork tenderloin. The Hudson Vineyard Syrah pairs perfectly with this earthy dish and leaves you savoring every bite.

