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Hudson Vineyard Syrah

100% Syrah

2022

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 2022 growing season started with weeks of sunny days that created an earlier bud break. Bouts of cooler temperatures occurred in late February and early April, and summer was relatively mild compared to past years. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than anticipated, and finished earlier than normal due to consistently warm fall days in late August and early September. By mid-October, 90% of the grapes had been picked. Despite some of the challenges, which included limited rainfall, some early season fluctuation in temperature, and a warm spring and early summer, we experienced no significant issues. Yields were lighter than average. Overall, this was a solid growing season that showed great fruit quality with smaller berry and cluster sizes. Everything is pointing to a stellar 2022 vintage.

Pairing Insights



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

