



TRENTADUE

Old Patch Red

2020

CALIFORNIA RED WINE



WINEMAKER NOTES

It would be easy to say that 2020 grape harvest season was challenging but that would be a great understatement. Between the fires, the smoke and COVID-19 safety guidelines, stress levels were at all-time high for all winemakers throughout the West Coast. I have 20 harvests at Trentadue (30 total in California) under my belt, but this one was absolutely the most challenging vintage of my career (the previous was 2019). The vintage started early and finished earlier than usual. We harvested most Zinfandel blocks and some Petite Sirah before the Labor Day heatwave but all the Bordeaux variety grapes still had weeks to ripen on the vine so we gave them the time to recover knowing that we may have a problem with the smoke from the fires. Alexander Valley, where all of our Estate is located, was relatively far from all fires this year. In short-we are glad the vintage is over, and the wines are safe in the barrels. So far none of the wines show any unusual taste or smell, as a matter of fact due to the small crop, the wines are very concentrated and lush. The 2020 Old Patch Red is predominately Zin blended with Petite Sirah and Carignane resulting in very fruity yet complex and full-bodied Rhone- like style wine. The wine has dark red color with intense black cherry aromas, blueberries, and cherry cola as an immediate impression. With aeration nuances of ripe plums, vanilla and cocoa are showing with a dose of toasted oak and dark licorice. On the mouth the wine is fresh and juicy with youthful brightness, finishing long and fruity. This is a wine that will pair well with variety of foods, but it is also very enjoyable on its own. Our 2020 OPR is delicious now, but it will reward your patience with 2-5 years of aging. Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES

BLEND:	APPELLATION	MIRO TCHOLAKOV
61% Zin	California	PRODUCTION: 6,300 cases
21% Petite Sirah	74% Mendicino county	BOTTLED: December 2021
16% Carignane	14%Lodi	ALCOHOL: 14.5%
2% Various table grapes	10% Alexander Valley	TA: 0.67g/100ml
	2% Dry Creek Valley	pH: 3.51
HARVEST: October 2019	AGING: 11 months; 20% new French and American oak balance in neutral oak.	RS: 0.4%