Old Patch Red



2021
CALIFORNIA RED WINE



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2021 harvest year was near perfect for growing grapes and a second year of a lighter than normal crop. The berry size was smaller than average delivering exceptional flavors, intense color, beautiful grapes, fruit forward and ripe. The season started early and cold and it was void of long, lingering heatwaves leading to relatively early to normal harvest dates with most grapes ripening at the same time. Unusually our Zin ripened later than our young block of Cabernet. Overall, we had about 10% lower yields but unevenly dispersed between the varieties with Merlot and Zin being notably lower than normal.

The 2021 OPR 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 2021 OPR is delicious now, but it will reward your patience with 2-5 years of aging. Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES

BLEND:

55% Zin

27% Petite Sirah 17% Carignane

1% Sangiovese

AppellationCalifornia

AGING:

11 months; 18% new French and American oak balance in neutral oak.

MIRO TCHOLAKOV

PRODUCTION: 5,770 cases

BOTTLED: August 2022

ALCOHOL: 14.5% **TA:** 0.65g/100ml **PH:** 3.64