

2022

The Crossing

red wine blend

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 82% syrah, 18% grenache
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.5
P.H: 3.78-3.95
ALCOHOL: 14.9%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2030.

VINIFICATION NOTES: The 2019 season provided a wonderful year for growing exceptional quality fruit. 91% of the blend comes from our Lily Hill Estate, with 9% (all grenache) coming from Mounts Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley. The Lily Hill syrah was picked on September 28th, the Lily Hill grenache was picked on October 19th, and the Mounts Vineyard grenache was picked on October 14th. The fruit was then carefully sorted and destemmed. Twice-daily pumpovers were performed on the syrah, while the grenache was fermented in open-top tanks and received twice-daily punchdowns. The wine was aged in 20% new oak barrels (100% French) for 22 months.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Crossing is a beautifully rich and textured red wine that showcases the character and complexity of Dry Creek Valley. With an alluring structure, this exciting Rhone blend combines Old World sophistication with vibrant layers of New World fruit.

SENSORY NOTES: A deliciously dark and solidly structured tribute to the famous blends of France's Southern Rhône Valley, this wine showcases aromas of earth and purple fruits that leap out of the glass, with meaty notes and anise. A rich satiny texture is filled with lush dark fruits, black pepper, and an incredibly long, broad finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE:	Grenache Tablas clones A, C, and Alban; Syrah Noir clone	SOIL TYPE:	Various	ELEVATION:	200 - 600 feet
VINE SPACING:	5 x 8	YIELD PER ACRE:	2.5 - 3.0 tons	ROOTSTOCK:	101-14
YEAR PLANTED:	1986-2003	TRELLISING STYLE:	VSP	IRRIGATION:	Drip
CASES PRODUCED:	270 cases				

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