



CALCAREOUS

— VINEYARD —



94 Points - Wine Spectator

“This is robust yet retains richness and finesse, with dynamic raspberry and kirsch flavors that are laced with crushed rock, white pepper and black olive notes and build tension toward fine-grained tannins.”

— Tim Fish

2021 Calcareous Moose

Moose is dedicated to the alter ego of our founder, Lloyd “Moose” Messer. It was conceived to be the most profound expression of our Estate Syrah. By blending in Petit Verdot, we add color, weight, and structure to an already substantial wine to create a singular wine, Moose.

Tasting Notes

Stunning Tyrian purple color combined with rich notes of blueberry, plum and smoked meat show off immediately. Rich, mouth-coating tannins are layered with blackberry jam, cocoa and a hint of white pepper. The finish starts with sea salt caramel and deeply toasted french oak, quickly countered with bright core acidity keeping flavors fresher than expected. A real age-worthy Syrah that should develop perfectly over the next 14 years.

Vineyard & Vintage

This 100% Syrah comes from Block 6 of the Calcareous Vineyard, affectionately known as Devil’s Canyon due to the steep southwest exposure and intensely chalky soil. Planted with the famed Estrella Clone that made Paso Robles known for Syrah, this unique combination of site and varietal demands its own bottling. The 2021 vintage was spectacular for Syrah. Warm and dry without being overtly hot allows Syrah to express its full compliment of dark fruit, rich texture and perfect tannin balance.

Winemaking Notes

Hand harvest and then sorted de-stemmed and immediately. The whole berries were placed in open top 4 ton concrete fermenters outside just a stones throw from where they were grown. Pumped over twice a day during initial intense primary fermentation, then moved to punch downs once it was essentially dry. Allowed to macerate on skins for a total of 16 days, a bit longer than our typical maceration times, then drained and pressed. All fractions combined in tank and allowed to settle for 3 days. Racked to barrels, 45% of which were new French oak and aged for 21 months before bottling with just a single racking.

Aging

21 months in 45% new French oak barrels

Food Pairing

Toasted oak notes combine with wonderfully juicy tannins to create the perfect lingering flavors just begging for braised spareribs.

Technical Details

Varietals: Syrah
Alcohol: 15.4%
pH Level: 3.47
Production: 569 Cases Produced

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Winemaker Jason
Joyce discusses the
2021 Calcareous
Estate Syrah

