

# CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



## 2021 Calcareous Estate Syrah



The hearty growing and heat-loving nature of Syrah has made it one of the most successful varietals to plant with the challenging conditions presented by the Calcareous Vineyard. Spread out over our entire Estate, the unique clones, aspects, and soils of each of our Syrah blocks allows us to create a single varietal wine of amazing depth and complexity.

### Tasting Notes

Presents an impenetrable dark purple color with meaty aromas balancing blueberry, black olive tapenade, and minerals. A mouth coating upfront palate combines deftly with fine grained tannins producing a rich bodied wine that maintains amazing lightness to frame subtle hints of brambleberry, black pepper and graphite.

### Vineyard & Vintage

The 2021 Estate Syrah is comprised of grapes from all 4 of our Syrah plantings. Consisting of clones of Alban, Estrella, 27, and 877, we run the gamut on the various expressions of Syrah to create a singular wine the speaks equally of place and varietal. 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

The Syrah for this vintage was de-stemmed and fermented in 3.5 ton open top concrete tanks. Twice daily pump overs were performed until 70% completion of fermentation. We then, changed to gentle punch downs to ease extraction of flavors for a total of 16 days on skins. The tanks were pressed and 40% racked into a new French Gamba, Fouilly and Canton barrels. The remaining 60% was aged in neutral French barrels. Aged for 16 months with one racking after 6 months, this wine was topped exclusively with Estate Grenache from block 9 to add a bit of lighter fruit to the overall structure. After racking, a bit more Estate Grenache has added to the final blend just before bottling.

### Aging

16 Months in French 228L and French and American 265L barrels, with a total of 40% being new.

### Food Pairing

This is the definition of a main-course wine that is the ideal partner for the best dry aged ribeye you can find.

### Technical Details

Varietals: Syrah  
Harvest Date: September 3-24, 2021  
Alcohol: 15.2%  
pH Level: 3.53  
Production: 836 Cases Produced