

## ESTATE BOTTLED 2021 SYRAH

We have a special love for Syrah at Chalk Hill Estate. Our location in the Chalk Hill AVA in the warm end of the cool Russian River Valley is perfect for bringing out all the unique characteristics of this fabulous variety. Our Syrah is planted on a steep southwest-facing hillside, made up of rocks and volcanic soil. It's as close to the Rhône Valley as we get!

The 2021 vintage had ideal conditions with nice, even weather patterns. This allowed for longer hang-time and grape maturity, resulting in excellent flavor development. Yields were smaller, with a higher concentration of darker fruit flavors. This 2021 Syrah displays aromas of clove, violet, leather, spice, blackberry, boysenberry, and forest floor. On the palate, indulgent flavors of licorice, pepper, dragon fruit, and tobacco leaf delight the senses. This wine is bold, offering a beautiful inky color and dense layers of rich characters melding seamlessly with velvety tannins.

## HARVEST

Harvest Dates: October 17, 2021 Average Yields: 2.83 tons / ACRE Average Brix at Harvest: 25.2°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

stainless steel fermentation with pumpovers 100% malolactic fermentation

Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 56% New
Barrel Aging: 21 MONTHS
UNFINED & UNFILTERED

## WINE

Blend: 75% Syrah, 25% Viognier
Bottling date: July 24, 2023

pH: 3.75 TA: 5.66 G/L Alcohol: 15.5%