



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

PREVAIL WEST FACE

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2021

The grapes for this Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blend are grown on the steep slopes of Ferrari-Carano's LookOut Mountain which sits at the junction of Alexander Valley, Knights Valley and Chalk Hill Appellations. This mountain vineyard, soaring in elevation from 500 to 1,400 feet, is comprised of ancient, weathered sandstone and sandy loam soils bearing low-yielding vines.

THE VINTAGE

Although we experienced an unusually rainy period in April, drought conditions in Sonoma county continued in 2021, with most of the annual precipitation landing in October and December, 2020. Spring temperatures were cooler, with bud break occurring one week later than average, while summer temperatures were above average with less nightly fog and cloud cover.

HOW IT'S MADE

The grapes for this wine are destemmed and berry sorted through an optical sorter, then transferred to stainless steel tanks for 5 days of cold soaking. Following the cold soak, yeast was added and pump overs commence, one to two times daily, for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is drained to 65% new barrels for malolactic fermentation and 21 months of cave aging before bottling August 2023.

AROMAS & FLAVORS

PreVail West Face is an exquisite, full-bodied wine with aromas of maple, leather, wild berries, and hints of bacon, and violets. On the palate, ripe, bold fruit flavors, with dark chocolate, and plum crostada are supported by ample tannin, with espresso lingering on the finish. This wine's bold profile will continue to evolve and age beautifully.

FOOD PAIRINGS

PreVail West Face pairs well with braised, roasted or barbecued meats such as chicken, red meat, lamb or pork. Pastas, stews or well-aged medium and strong-flavored cheeses, such as Taleggio, also pair nicely.

COOPERAGE

21 months in French oak, 65% new

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Syrah
Alcohol 15.2% | pH 3.77 | TA 5.75 g/L
Bottled August 2023