



2021 LE DEVOIR

Varietals: 74% Syrah / 26% Grenache
Vineyards: Hawk's Hill / Full Draw / Moonsprings
Fermentation: Native Yeast, 0% Whole Cluster
Barrel: 20 months, 300L French Oak, 60% New
Appellation: Paso Robles
Alcohol %: 15.8
Production: 319 Cases

Winemaking

One of the beauties of producing wine is the fact that no two vintages are the same. Each year we harvest a whole new set of opportunities and challenges. It then becomes the duty or “Le Devoir” of the winemaker to determine the role each of the components is to play and how they best come together. With no shortage of fruit intensity and character, often times the final blending decisions come down to texture and palate presence as much as they do smell or taste. The 2021 Le Devoir is built around a core of Syrah grown at high elevation with wonderful varietal intensity, lower acidity and soft easily approachable tannin. Syrah from one of our cooler sites boosts the tannin structure and adds layers of pepper and spice. This year to finish off the wine we opted to bring in Grenache from one of our most challenging sites with remarkably thin limestone soils. The bright fruit, high acidity and chalky tannin gives the wine considerable length, precision and balance. Each lot was fermented separately and aged in 300L French Oak barrels for 20 months. The chosen barrels were then blended and bottled unfinned and unfiltered and bottle aged for an additional 12 months prior to release. We encourage opening bottles from the 2021 vintage a few hours ahead of time or decanting while young or age with confidence in the cellar over the next decade.

Accolades

N/A

Release Date – Spring 2024

Drinking Window – 2024 – 2040