

2021 ESTATE SYRAH

THE WINE

The Estate Syrah is made entirely from fruit grown on our estate vineyard, tucked into the slopes of Folded Hills. The site is meticulously farmed by grower Ruben Solorzano. It is our fourth Reserve Syrah entirely from Folded Hills vineyard and showcases Nojoqui, the southernmost block of Syrah.

Winemaker Michael Brughelli chose the optimum moment for harvest, the fruit was picked early and 85% of it destemmed. After a three-day cold soak, native fermentation commenced. A combination of punch downs, pigeage, and pump-overs were utilized to manage the fermentation and the free run was kept separate from the pressed wine. The wine was aged for 12 months in 33% new French oak, to enhance texture and depth, without overwhelming the subtle flavor of the site. The expression is delicate from vine to bottle and transports you to the mineral earth and unique climate of Folded Hills.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VINTAGE: 2021

GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Syrah **REGION:** Santa Ynez Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5% **pH LEVEL:** 3.8

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Estate Syrah is an elegant wine with flavors of dark plum, black cherry, five spice, and tapenade.

WINEMAKING

PROCESSING: 85% destemmed, cold soaked in open top tanks, native fermentation

ÉLEVAGE: 33% new French oak for 12 months

FOLDED HILLS

In making Folded Hills wines, our goal is to respect the land, and through the wines, express its unique voice. With as little interference as possible, we let the grapes speak for themselves. We strive to craft beautiful wines with a focus on purity and use old-world practices in our certified organic vineyards. We consciously handcraft small-batch artisanal wines, using no commercial additives and the smallest amount of sulfur; just enough to preserve the wine. Folded Hills wines contain no residual sugar and use only native yeasts that occur naturally in the vineyard. It's all part of our promise to make wine in an honest, time-honored way.

DETAILS

BOTTLING DATE: November 9, 2022
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SRP: \$85



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