



2021 SANDY LANE VINEYARD RED BLEND, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Technical Information

Appellation: Contra Costa County

Varietals: 44% Petite Sirah, 27% Zinfandel, 19% Carignan, 10% Mataro

Vineyard: Sandy Lane Vineyard in Oakley, Planted in 1880's Cases

Produced: 1000

Alcohol: 14.9%

92 Points Wine Enthusiast

Tasting Notes

This bold, complex, and distinctive red blend is produced from vines planted in the 1880's to the dry farmed and windswept vineyard of Sandy Lane. Rooted to sandy soil in the town of Oakley, this extraordinary site has been farmed by the Gonsalves family since the 1930's, and produces vibrant wines with tremendous complexity and stunning purity of fruit.

This is a gorgeous red blend that is brimming with ripe berry fruit, savory complexity, silky texture, and refreshing acidity. It displays the unique characteristics of this sun-soaked old vine vineyard and is utterly delicious.

Winemaking Notes

The fruit comes from a mix of ancient vines of 4 varietals, which are 50 to 100 years old, and planted to sandy soils. The vineyard is dry farmed, and the roots run deep to the water table of the nearby San Francisco Bay delta.

Once in the winery, Winemaker Kale Anderson fermented the varieties separately. All fruit was optically sorted, cold soaked, fermented to dryness, and aged 18 months in oak, 20% new. Once dry, we blend the varietals to maximize complexity, purity of fruit, and structural approachability.

Suggested Retail Price: \$50

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