



MARTINELLI

ESTABLISHED IN THE 1880'S

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JACKASS VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2021



GROWING YEAR

2021 was the driest known year on record and was also the third year of drought conditions for Sonoma County. Contrary to these conditions, the summer was relatively cool and started two weeks later than the previous year. The drought conditions did bring ripeness to each of our varietals at just about the same time. By the end of the first week, we had 40% of total tonnage in the winery. This included Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Zinfandel from both Fort Ross-Seaview and Russian River Valley. Despite being a very compact harvest, small clusters and berry size have yielded exceptional quality which makes 2021 a standout vintage.

2020 VINTAGE

92 points Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

2019 VINTAGE

97 points Erin Brooks, *Wine Advocate*

93 points Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 40% new French Oak,

60% neutral French Oak, 11 months

Case Production: 322

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Gold Ridge, Franciscan

Fractured bed-rock, Clay Loam

Rootstock: St. George

WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner

VINEYARD CHARACTER

This eight-acre vineyard was planted in the early 1880s, which makes it our oldest vineyard. These old, head pruned vines are farmed much the same way they were a century ago, without the use of trellising, irrigation, or pesticides. Common to this area, it has both Goldridge and Franciscan soil types.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful aromas of Bing cherry, nutmeg, and fresh nectarine fill your nose. Upon entry the wine is youthful with supple flavors of blueberries and back tea on the palate. Flavors of vanilla and barrel spice accompany the lengthy finish.