



MARTINELLI

ESTABLISHED IN THE 1880'S

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JACKASS VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2022



GROWING YEAR

The 2022 growing season was full of ups and downs, keeping our winemaking team on their toes. The season started out with ideal conditions with early rains helping to push bud break into Spring. While we encountered instances of shatter (a grape berry fails to develop because of incomplete pollination) due to frost, this was limited to specific vineyards. Meticulous attention was given to addressing this issue, as we diligently assessed each block and thinned any clusters affected by shatter. Thankfully, the summer months offered the optimal combination of warm days and perfectly cool nights. However, Labor Day weekend launched what has been marked as one of the most heat-intensive 7-day periods on record for Sonoma County, resulting in a significant number of vineyards reaching their ripening stage simultaneously.

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

A complex nose with bursts of blackberry bramble, allspice, and a hint of sweet tobacco. The wine leaves a lasting impression on the palate with balanced tannins, hints of warm baking spices, and black plum. The rich finish gives you luscious flavors of vanilla and blackberry.

2021 VINTAGE

98 points – Erin Brooks, *Wine Advocate*

96 points – Audrey Frick, *Jeb Dunnuck*

2020 VINTAGE

92 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: 229

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Gold Ridge, Franciscan

Fractured bed-rock, Clay Loam

Rootstock: St. George

WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner