



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2021 Syrah - John Sebastiano Vineyard is layered, textural and somehow both powerful and elegant, all at once. On the nose, red and black licorice complement clean, pure fruit notes, pink peppercorns and a bit of olivey brininess. On the palate the wine is mouth coating with silky, fine grained tannins, a powerful finish and great staying power.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 124
Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition: 100% Syrah
Clonal selection: 383, 470
% Whole cluster: 70%
Soil at site: Loam/Limestone/Sand

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak | 22 months

Alcohol: 14.3%
Brix: 22.5-25.4
pH at harvest: 3.55
Finished pH: 3.92
Finished TA: 5.9 g/L

Harvest date: 10/20/2021-10/22/2021
Bottling date: 8/18/2023
Release date: January 2024

2021 VINTAGE

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 was an even, cool vintage allowing fruit extended hang time to concentrate flavors and complexity without losing acid. Wines from this vintage are powerful while still being moderate in alcohol, and maintaining freshness and fruit purity.

JOHN SEBASTIANO VINEYARD

John Sebastiano Vineyard is a picturesque site, planted to steep hillsides and rolling hills on the eastern end of Sta. Rita Hills. Both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in this sandy, windy site, and the cool-climate Syrah we produce here just barely achieves ripeness and is always the final pick of the vintage. The elevation and exposed hillsides of the vineyard lead to low-yields and fruit with balance, depth, and complexity.

ACCOLADES

92 points - Wine Enthusiast Cola and sarsaparilla aromas meet with tart black plum on the nose of this bottling. The palate is tense and loaded with umami flavors, from soy to pepper, with a brisk fruit lingering into the finish. — **Matt Kettmann**