

2021 Sonoma County *Cuvée Moriah*

Although Moriah is the youngest of Joe Donelan's kids, the Cuvée Moriah is the product of one of our oldest grower relationships. We've been working with Dry Stack Vineyard, the source for the Grenache, for almost two decades. Moriah is an ode to the old school wines of Chateaufort du Pape. Cool climate Grenache takes the lead with hallmark flavors of red kirsch, framboise, sweet raspberries, and raspberry compote. There's always a pretty white pepper spice element that comes from the whole cluster inclusion. The Mourvedre gives the wine some heft, darkens the fruit profile, adds mid-palate, and a gamey characteristic to the wine.

The 2021 vintage gave us good signs from the jump. It was a hot year but not to the extremes of 2020. We knew early on that crop yields would be small in size but mighty in flavor. Our 2021 Cuvée Moriah has a little bit of everything: juicy flavor, delicate aromatics, and power. Hi-C fruit punch and jasmine notes jump from the glass while the palate holds layers of pomegranate, leather, cedar, and spice.

We age this wine in puncheons - a very old world technique. This provides for less oxygen ingress, keeping the wine fresh over time while helping flesh out some of the aggressive tannin that naturally comes with Grenache.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

8%

Bottling Date

April 2023

Barrel Aging

18 Months

Alcohol

14.6%

Composition

67% Grenache

23% Mourvedre

Production

373 cases

Native Ferment

24% Whole Cluster

