

## 2021 Sonoma County *Cuvée Christine Syrah*

Our sourcing for Cuvée Christine is diverse, ranging from Knights Valley to as far West as Green Valley of Russian River Valley. The 2021 vintage is exciting because we sourced from six different spots, which adds to our nickname for Cuvée Christine as our postcard for Sonoma Syrah. It runs the full gamut of flavor and personality with fruit, spice, and savory. We take a similar approach to Christine as we do with Keltie. We assemble unique Syrah lots to create texture, mouth-feel, and intrigue. The difference in making Christine is we use lower whole cluster, new oak, and we age it for a shorter amount of time. The difference you can smell and taste is the fruit-forwardness of the wine. Christine is not afraid to put on a show of red berries and purple fruit. It possesses not only great length but also great breadth on the palate. The whole cluster fermentation gives this wine backbone without being too firm. Freshness from our cooler-climate vineyards provides an uplifting finish that will weave well with your favorite fare.

Our 2021 Cuvée Christine is super complex. The nose is dark with notes of mulberry, sous bois, wet fern leaves, menthol, and bittersweet dark chocolate. The palate is full-bodied and rich with blood orange and Bing cherry.

### ***Vineyard Notes:***

#### **Location**

Kobler Family Vineyard (Green Valley of RRV) ~24%  
Betsy (Knights Valley) ~21%  
Radiant Ridge (Bennett Valley) ~19%  
Cardiac Hill (Bennett Valley) ~15.5%  
Front Porch Farm (Russian River Valley) ~12%  
Judge Family Vineyard (Bennett Valley) ~8.5%

### ***Cellar Notes:***

#### **Percentage New Oak**

28%

#### **Barrel Aging**

18 months

#### **Bottling Date**

April 2023

#### **Composition**

100% Syrah

#### **Alcohol**

14.6%

#### **Production**

567 cases

~35.8% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

