



Opolo

2021 MONTAGNA MARE

PASO ROBLES

Montagna Mare is our signature interpretation of the Italian varietal experience, blending estate-grown Sangiovese and Barbera to create a uniquely expressive wine.

VINEYARDS

The 2021 Montagna Mare comes predominantly from our Quinn East and Nichols East estate vineyards in the Estrella District. The name Montagna Mare—which combines the Italian words for ‘mountain’ and ‘sea’—speaks to the coastal Mediterranean terroir of Paso Robles, and to the respective Italian terrains in which Barbera and Sangiovese are traditionally grown. In our eastside estate vineyards, these grapes develop full flavors while retaining their abundant natural acidity, enabling us to create a wine that is true to the classic Italian style. We harvest three different Sangiovese clones as they reach 25 brix to ensure that the acidity is integrated, and we pick the Barbera at an average of 23 Brix to maintain a sense of freshness and vitality.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was picked in stages on September 6 - 8 (Sangiovese) and September 24 through October 15 (Barbera), dependent on individual block. After harvesting, the fruit was cold soaked for three days for a gentle extraction of color and flavor. The individual lots were fermented in stainless steel fermenters, then settled and racked to 20-percent new French oak barrels coopered by T. W. Boswell. These French oak barrels were chosen for their ability to impart subtle tones of vanilla and caramel that broaden the wine’s mouthfeel and complexity without overwhelming the fresh fruit character. The final blend was assembled at the five-month mark, then returned to barrel for another 10 months of aging prior to bottling.

WINEMAKERS’ TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Montagna Mare offers a captivating nose of fresh cherry, dried sage, anise seed, black tea and vanilla cream. The mouthfeel is supple and spicy, unfurling with red fruit flavors including raspberry and cranberry. Trailing notes of cedar wood, tobacco and cinnamon are carried by fresh acidity into a juicy, lively finish. A true fusion of Italian style and California character.

Composition

Barbera 70%, Sangiovese 30%

Appellation

Paso Robles

Aging

15 months in French oak (20% new)

Analysis

TA 6.1 pH 3.62 Alcohol 14.4% Cases Produced 2,522