**Derive Contraction Contraction RED BLEND** SUMMIT CREEK | PASO ROBLES

Named for the creek that runs through our westside estate vineyard, our Summit Creek line is dedicated to flagship grape varieties made in an approachable style. The inaugural Summit Creek Red Blend is a testament to the terroir of Paso Robles—a deliciously unconventional blend of grapes that excel in our region, including classic Bordeaux and California varieties.

### VINEYARDS

The Summit Creek Red Blend is composed of fruit from our eastside Estrella District and westside Willow Creek District estates, as well as Remo Belli Vineyard in the Adelaida District. The wine is a blend of varieties from multiple vintages, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petit Verdot, as well as Zinfandel, Tempranillo and Petite Sirah. By combining lots from the 2021 to 2023 vintages, this wine delivers bright, fruity youthful flavors with the depth and maturity of extended barrel aging.

# WINEMAKING

The fruit was handpicked at night to ensure freshness and integrity. Each lot was cold soaked prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks over periods from 10 to 14 days. Winemakers James Schreiner and Skye Bruce conducted continual phenolic management during fermentation to create a balance of intense color and flavor with smooth, pleasurable tannins. In the final blend, the Bordeaux varieties provide a foundation of richness and structure. The Zinfandel brings layers of accessible fruitiness, while the Petite Sirah contributes enhanced color and fruit dimension. Finally, the Tempranillo adds a touch of rustic spice.

# WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The Summit Creek Red Blend presents an enticing bouquet of plum, blue fruit, mulberry and sandalwood. The mouthfeel is round and lively, with soft flavors of black plum, strawberry, mocha, loam and vanilla bean. Notes of pepper and cinnamon spices emerge on a smooth, lingering finish. The result is an immensely accessible Paso Robles blend that offers extraordinary value.

## APPELLATION

Paso Robles

#### AGING

Variable Aging Vintages 2021 through 2023

#### ANAYLSIS

TA: .60 pH: 3.71 Alc by Volume: 14.5% Cases Produced: 1,531



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