



VINEYARDS

MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT • CATON VINEYARDS

BALLFIELD SYRAH



VARIETAL ----- 100% Syrah

FARMING PRACTICES ----- Certified Sustainable

APPELLATION ----- Moon Mountain District ~ Sonoma Valley

REGION ----- Estate Grown, Caton Vineyard

COOPERAGE ----- 18 months, 60% new French Oak

ALCOHOL ----- 15.1%

BOTTLING DATE ----- April 2024

PRODUCTION ----- 115 Cases

VINTAGE ----- 2022

RELEASE DATE ----- September 2024

TASTING NOTES -----

This wine is accentuated by aromas of blackberry and mocha and intensified on the mid-palate with flavors of boysenberry and subtle pepper spice. The smooth finish leaves silky, lingering tannins.

CATON VINEYARD -----

In the 1960's, the base of this vineyard was originally a baseball field for the San Francisco Boys and Girls Club – Ballfield Syrah honors this history in its name. The two unique blocks of Syrah planted side by side on the Caton Vineyard offer distinct characteristics and harmonious balance when together. Block 1 is a 2.6 acre planting with North-South row direction. This block consistently offers bold fruit and complex flavor profile. Block 2 is a 3.9 acre site with East-West row direction. The block is warm with limited afternoon sun, so it produces a wine with the best of both worlds: fruit forwardness of a warm site and spice qualities of a cool site.

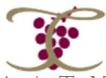
2022 VINTAGE NOTES -----

Late spring gave way to very moderate temperatures with ideal growing conditions for optimal flavor development. At the end of September, we had the mother of all heat waves followed by a dramatic cooling with small amounts of rain a week later. This cool down actually helped refresh the vines. The net effect of the drought, heat and rain was a very light crop, perhaps our lightest ever on our estate vineyards. The good news of this light crop is that it produced a greater concentration of flavor. By adapting our vineyard and winemaking approach to meet the challenges of the season, we produced another vintage of outstanding wines.

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