

# Mill Creek

WATERWHEEL

RED BLEND

DRY CREEK VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

2021

## GRAPE SOURCE

Our 2021 Waterwheel Red Blend comes from our estate property in Southern Dry Creek Valley. The vines are carefully farmed to provide ample sunlight to the berries. This technique results in a fruit forward yet complex style Red Blend. The 2021 is a blend of 75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, and 5% Malbec.

## WINEMAKING

After a long growing season, we picked the grapes on the mornings of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. After destemming, each lot was allowed a three-day cold soak and then inoculated with BDX yeast. During primary fermentation, the juice was pumped over twice a day. Upon completion of primary fermentation, the wine was racked to 60-gallon French oak barrels, of which 20% were new and allowed to age for 18 months. Bottling was on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The nose is layered with aromas of mixed black fruits, light toast, currents, and pencil shavings. On the palate, the wine is medium bodied and lush, with ample tannins that will compliment a wide variety of red meats and hearty pasta dishes. The flavors are deep and concentrated, with blackberry, black cherries, and cocoa leading the way, supported by notes of mixed spices, with hints of vanilla, dried herbs, and cedar.



## BLEND

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## WINEMAKER

Jeremy Kreck

## HARVEST DATE

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## TECHNICAL DATA

Ave. Brix at harvest: 25.5  
pH at bottling: 3.55