

2021 MONTECILLO VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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Impressions

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A wine of power, detail and presence showing deep earthy aromatics built upon savory mountain intensity and reminiscent of graphite, red minerals, iron and iodine. The palate has great energy and drive with a deep core of wild cherry and blackberry fruit, dried herb, lavender and umami flavors. Anise and sage notes add complexity. The wine's tannins are bold and enveloping and lead to a rising finish of espresso and menthol. A unique mountain Cabernet expression. Decant for an hour+ before serving.

Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
VINEYARD	100% MONTECILLO VINEYARD
CLONE	HERITAGE
VINE AGE	57 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	SEPTEMBER 12
BARREL AGING	AGED 20 MONTHS IN 50% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE REMOND
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PRODUCTION	190 CASES OF 750ML & 6 CASES OF 1.5L