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## GRENACHE MENDOCINO

VINTAGE 2021

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes are from vineyards in Talmage, just outside of Ukiah, on the Eastern side of the Russian River. These vineyards contain gravelly soils in some areas and richer, river sediment in others resulting in wines that are plump with lively bright fruit and refined tannins.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich ink in color, this grenache delivers alluring and enticing aromas of wild strawberry and fruit compote with notes of cedar tree tips. The wine is fresh and bright on the palate, with well integrated acidity that perfectly balances the fruit flavors of the wine. The finish is magical and lingering with touches of raspberry, black cherry and black pepper. Serve slightly chilled on a warm summer evening or pair with your favorite hearty dishes.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Mendocino

HARVEST DATE(S): 9/23/21

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

PH: 3.56

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.4 g/L

BARRELS/AGING: 14 Months in 100% Neutral French Oak,

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