

2021 EDDIE'S PATCH SYRAH



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Impressions

In our cool coastal climate, Syrah ripens and is harvested almost a full month later than Pinot Noir. That extra month on the vine can allow the fruit to steadily accumulate an incredible kaleidoscopic range of aromas and flavors so long as we can avoid damaging heat spikes that dampen terroir expression and diminish the wine's vibrancy. Fortunately in 2021 we luxuriated in relaxed warm days and cool nights, and so we have a wine that combines everything we love about mountain-grown Syrah—wonderfully complex swirling aromatics, deep layered fruit intensity, and broad mouth filling structure. Our new vintage of *Eddie's Patch* is one of our finest, certainly in an elite group alongside 2016 and 2019 in recent memory. True to the vintage, it's a wine that will drink well young, but can be aged for fifteen years to allow subtle maturity to temper the wine's youthful power. Aromatically nuanced and diverse—fresh lavender, black olive, intense floral violet and deep blueberry and cassis fruits. Despite the wine's obvious intensity and concentration, it remains discreet and elegant—its core of blackberry pastille is wrapped up by savory characters and mineral accents. Juniper and black pepper notes emerge. There's a lilting feeling to the wine's center—it's deep and concentrated but always restrained. Tannins are sleek and polished and present an energetic finish. Drink between late-2023 and 2035. Decant in its youth.

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POINTS

"Deep ruby in color, it has classic aromas of blackcurrant and blackberry, mint chocolate, juniper, grilled meats and graphite. I love this elegant style that offers generosity with restrained ripeness." - *The Wine Advocate*, June 2023

Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	100% HOPPE-KELLY VINEYARD
CLONE	SYRAH NOIR & ALBAN
VINE AGE	8 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	SEPTEMBER 23
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 28% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	301 CASES OF 750ML

