



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2019 SYRAH



Vintage: 2019 is very similar to the near-perfect 2018 vintage. A cold winter with average rainfall made for a late bud-break. Ideal spring weather allowed for nice berry set and above average yields. Mild conditions throughout summer and fall allowed the fruit to slowly ripen and develop maximum flavor. The wines of 2019 are bold and intense with nice structure.

Vineyard: There are 12 acres of Syrah planted on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. Four acres are in the “Highlands” region to the north, and 8 acres are located at the southern end of the vineyard. These areas are dominated by austere hillsides composed of volcanic rock and ash. The vines range from 21 – 31 years old and benefit from the unique combination of soil, exposure, and cool Carneros temperatures. The result is a full-bodied wine, with flavors and structure reminiscent of the northern Rhône.

Harvest: Oct. 7 – 23 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.67 pH • 7.0 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed into open top fermenters with approximately 20% whole berries. Individual lots were inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were punched down twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. After 14 days of maceration, each lot was pressed and allowed to settle in tank before going to barrel. The wine was aged for 10 months in both French (90%) and American (10%) oak; 30% of these barrels were new. Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2019. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will reward careful cellaring for the next 12 – 15 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.3 % alcohol • 3.77 pH • 6.2 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Rich aromas of black cherry, cassis, and ripe plum with a hint of vanilla, leather, earth, and white pepper. The mouth is layered with bright, jammy flavors of boysenberry, red currants, and blackberry followed by mineral and cracked black pepper. Mouth-filling tannins provide an opulent finish of fruit and spice.

Release Date: July 1st, 2021

Cases Produced: 613 cases

