

# 2021 Syrah

## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Syrah offers a fruit-forward nose of blackberry and blueberry, followed by a deep, savory palate. Notes of leather, mushroom and wet stone introduce a structured wine, enhanced with notes of black pepper and black cherry.

VARIETY	100% Syrah
CLONES	470 / 174
BARREL AGING	Neutral French Oak 11 months
APPELLATION	Carmel Valley AVA
HARVEST DATE	October 9, 2021
ALC/VOL	14.0%
PRODUCTION	255 Cases

## THE VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage has proven to be another cooler growing season with modest yields but exceptional quality. The 2020/2021 winter brought below average rainfall to the Carmel Valley area and overall proved to leave the vineyards with little groundwater supply. Cool, even temperatures during set allowed for the vines to establish a healthy crop. The season continued with mild temperatures and above average occurrence of fog, allowing for an extended hang-time on the vine. Overall, quality is very high from the harvest with wines showing similarities to the 2018 and 2019 vintages. The vineyard continues to mature and complex with age and the results are more apparent in each subsequent year.

## THE VINEYARD

We make a range of wines which demonstrate the unique characteristics of our soil and climate. We take great care from the beginning to the end of production. Our rootstocks and California / Dijon clones are carefully selected. We employ organic and sustainable farming practices, avoiding any pesticides or herbicides. Ultimately, Holman Ranch wines reflect a balance and a complexity, which set them apart.

