

2021 Syrah Alder Springs Vineyard Mendocino County

The incomparable Alder Springs Vineyard is one of California's most iconic vineyard sites. Perched high above the tiny northern California town of Laytonville, this patchwork of lieu-dits is more reminiscent of the great vineyards of the Rhone Valley than anything in California. This 2021 is from the Spirit Rock Block located at the very top of the vineyard at over 2600 ft above sea level.

100% Syrah 100% Whole-Cluster Fermentation 100% Alder Springs Vineyard 0% New Oak Aged in neutral French Oak 500L Puncheons 13.0 % Alc By Vol 3.8 pH Free SO2 ~ 10 ppm

Tasting Note:

Black fruits, scorched earth, purple flowers and smoky bacon fat all show up in the classic Syrah aromas of this mountain grown wine. Supple, earthy and loaded with finesse and subtle high altitude fruit, this is probably the most quiet and restrained 2021. This Syrah will improve in your cellar for a dozen years or more, but frankly is ready to drink now with some food and a decent chill.