UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

SANGIOVESE

2019

100% SANGIOVESE

GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.4% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:
SEP 22, 2019

BRIX AVG:
24.8

BLEND:
100% SANGIOVESE

ACIDITY:
5.2 g/L

pH:
3.78

ALCOHOL:
14.4 %

AGING:
14 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
20% NEW

BOTTLED:
4/20/21

CASES:
148

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VINEYARD: This Sangiovese comes from a 1.5 acre block we planted in 2007. It is the same Sangiovese Grosso (Brunello clone) we planted in our West Terrace block. This small vineyard block has the potential to make some of our best wine, as it is densely planted on a low-vigor rootstock called 420-A. We have learned over the years to aggressively thin the crop on younger-vine Sangiovese to make the kind of wine worthy of Tuscany's Montalcino DOCG region.

VINTAGE: 2019 began with a very wet, late winter and an early spring. The growing season resembled 2018 with consistent moderate weather until August, when we had warmer temperatures. The moderate night temps helped us reach physiological ripeness, which is important in making Brunello-like Sangiovese. We harvested this block of Sangiovese on September 22nd at ideal sugar and acid levels.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was de-stemmed (but not crushed) and pumped into a small open-top fermenter. After a 5-day cold-soak, fermentation began naturally from indigenous yeasts. We then press at dryness, usually after 2-3 weeks. We aged this Sangiovese for 14 months in only French oak, about 20% new.

DESCRIPTION: Each year that goes by, we are more and more impressed with the Sangiovese off of this block. The wine shows classic Southern Tuscany character: deep cherry and dried herbs, combined with a solid tannin structure. While our 2019 is a full-bodied style of Sangiovese, it has enough fruit to be enjoyed young. In Montalcino terms, our 2019 Sangiovese has the fruit of a Rosso di Montalcino with some of the tannin structure of a Brunello. It is already showing well, but will definitely improve over the next 3 to 6 years.—MJU