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DRY CREEK VALLEY

MONTEPULCIANO

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GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.4% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

OCT 7th, 2021

BRIX AVG:

25.0

BLEND:

100% MONTEPULCIANO

ACIDITY:

5.4 g/L

pH:

3.90

ALCOHOL:

14.4%

AGING:

17 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
60% NEW

BOTTLED:

4/20/23

CASES:

125

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VARIETAL/VINEYARD: This 100% Montepulciano comes from our original and best vineyard block planted in 2005, and our more recent block planted in 2007. The vines are planted to dense spacing (4'x6') near our Grenache on the winery parcel. We reduce crop during the growing season to facilitate concentrated flavors, tannins, and acidity. Montepulciano is one of the last varietals we harvest, as Dry Creek Valley is at the cooler edge of where this grape can still ripen. We farm all our grapes organically.

VINTAGE/HARVEST: Even though 2021 could be considered another drought year, the vintage benefited from winter 2020 rains that carried us through a fairly moderate growing season. Though the core winter months had relatively low rainfall, they were cold enough to keep us on track for a typical late March to early April bud-break. This gave way to a warm, dry spring with the exception of some strong winds that occurred during flowering, which may have played some role in lowering the yields.

WINEMAKING: Our winemaking with Montepulciano is pretty straightforward. The fruit is de-stemmed and sent to small, 3-4 ton open top tanks. After a 5-day cold soak, fermentation begins spontaneously with indigenous yeast. We punch down or pump over each tank to manage extraction and tannins. We then drain and press when the wine is fermented to dryness. Since our Montepulciano tends to have solid tannin structure, we aged this wine in French oak barrels for 17 months in 60% new oak barrels.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: We have been making full-bodied Montepulciano, worthy of the best artisan wineries in Abruzzo and Le Marche, since 2006. The 2021 vintage is our most concentrated and complex Montepulciano to date, thanks to a low crop set, followed by an ideal growing season. It is 100% Montepulciano from our original creekside vines, which consistently render a very structured wine with classic plum, cassis and chocolate aromas and flavors. Similar to a great Bordeaux, this vintage has the tannin to age at least 10-plus years. If you insist on drinking now, I recommend decanting. — MJU