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DRY CREEK VALLEY

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SANGIOVESE

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2022

WEST TERRACE BLOCK

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GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED  
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

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ALCOHOL 14.5% BY VOLUME

**HARVESTED:**

SEPT. 7, 2022

**BRIX AVG:**

24.9

**BLEND:**

100% SANGIOVESE

**ACIDITY:**

5.5 g/L

**pH:**

3.75

**ALCOHOL:**

14.5%

**AGING:**

17 MONTHS  
FRENCH OAK  
50% NEW

**BOTTLED:**

4/18/24

**CASES:**

100

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## West Terrace Block

**VARIETAL & VINEYARD:** In 1992, my dad was hell-bent on planting Sangiovese. He and Linda had been visiting his Tuscan relatives throughout the 1980's, which is where he found his wine muse; Great Chianti Classico and Brunello di Montalcino. George sourced Sangiovese plant material via Jess Jackson, not knowing it was Sangiovese Grosso, the clone responsible for Brunello wine. Buona Fortuna! Our Sangiovese West Terrace is just that-fruit from ten rows located on the west terrace of a hillside vineyard. Every year it produces our most serious, complex, and age worthy Sangiovese due to the site's extensive morning sunlight and now 30+ year old vines.

**VINTAGE/HARVEST:** 2022 began with a dry winter that transitioned into a cooler spring with some intermittent light rains, wind and cold spells. These ultimately played a role in naturally lowering our yields through the estate. Finally in mid-August we experienced much warmer temperatures that persisted until mid-September, finishing off the ripening process with full, expressive aromatic and flavor development. This was one of the earlier Sangiovese harvests we've had here at UNTI. In what could be a challenging vintage like '22, we are grateful to lean on the power and quality of our single block selections.

**WINEMAKING:** Our Sangiovese is de-stemmed, with most of the berries intact in tank and kept below 60 degrees for several days prior to spontaneous fermentation by indigenous yeast. We punch down the must daily during fermentation. To preserve Sangiovese's delicate fruit quality, we try to handle it as little as possible during the aging process. This Sangiovese has the depth and concentration to be aged in 50% new French oak for 17 months. It is 100% Sangiovese.

**STYLE/DESCRIPTION:** This is far and away our best Sangiovese. The site exposure, clone (Sangiovese Grosso from Montalcino), vine age, and our management of crop levels result in making this a classic full-bodied wine that is worthy of Brunello, both in depth and complexity, regardless of the vintage. A heat wave in early September resulted in a deeper concentration of fruit. One of our most age worthy wines (5 to 10 years), this 2022 West Terrace sets the bar for California Sangiovese.