



2021
TED'S BLEND
Rutherford

WINEMAKER- *Kristy Melton*

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

For those that know and love Ted the way we do, you know he loves classically styled wines that are balanced and integrated. Composed from Bosché, Sycamore and Red Barn Ranch, the full elements of Rutherford dust are on display in this blend. The aromatics are reminiscent of black cherry, currant, and milk chocolate. The palate is bold yet refined with elements of forest fruit compote, pomegranate, and soft vanilla. The tannins are well structured but already silky and integrated making this wine beautiful now or will age well in the cellar for years. (Hint: Ted loves wines most at 10-15 years old so get a few extra to keep in the cellar for a while and see what makes that time frame so magical!)

GROWING SEASON NOTES

Vintage 2021 is a story of small but mighty. Drought conditions were prevalent in winter and spring. Temperatures were moderate during spring but began to warm significantly during summer. Flowering led to lighter than usual fruit set with low vine vigor. Warm conditions during ripening led to beautiful fruit flavors and intense color. Harvest started in mid-August with Sauvignon Blanc and carried on at a steady pace through September and October with red varieties. While low in volume, the wines are aromatic, lively and well structured and we can't wait to share them with you.

WINE STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	80% Cabernet Sauvignon; 10% Petit Verdot; 10% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST DATES	Harvest started on 8/30 and ended on 9/24/2021 for all components.
BARREL AGING	25 months in French oak, 62% new
ALCOHOL	14.8%
PH	3.59
BOTTLING DATE	January 26, 2024

VINEYARD	Bosché	Sycamore	Red Barn Ranch
APPELLATION	Rutherford	Rutherford	Rutherford
ELEVATION	180'	200'	165'
SOIL	Bale Clay Loam	Bale Clay Loam	Pleasanton Loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cab Sauv, Cab Franc	Petti Verdot
% CONTRIBUTION	60%	30%	10%