

UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

SANGIOVESE

2021

WEST TERRACE BLOCK

GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.8% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

SEPT. 13, 2021

BRIX AVG:

25.0

BLEND:

100% SANGIOVESE

ACIDITY:

6.0 g/L

pH:

3.65

ALCOHOL:

14.8%

AGING:

17 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
50% NEW

BOTTLED:

4/20/23

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: 2021 was one of our best vintages ever, across all varietals. If we had a Hall of Fame for vineyard blocks, the Sangiovese planted on our west terrace would be an unanimous selection, with '21 being an MVP season. The cool, dry winter and spring this vintage likely resulted in a naturally low crop set, which concentrates the fruit. This was followed by a moderate summer and fall, allowing for slow ripening of the fruit. All of this is ideal for making full-bodied Sangiovese.

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: Year in and year out this block never fails to stand alone, which is why we have bottled it on its own since 2015. The 2021 vintage was a perfect set up for this 30+ year old block of already naturally low yielding vines. The long, mild, near perfect growing season made for a pure expression of this block's darker cherry fruits, floral and complex aromas, and seamless acidity. The palate shows opulent, lengthy tannins that make for a deep, layered and complex expression of Sangiovese more akin to Brunello di Montalcino. It will undoubtedly age well for up to 10 years.