

UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

SANGIOVESE

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GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.8% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

SEPT. 10 & 13, 2021

BRIX AVG:

24.9

BLEND:

100% SANGIOVESE

ACIDITY:

6.3 g/L

pH:

3.58

ALCOHOL:

14.8%

AGING:

17 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
40% NEW

BOTTLED:

4/20/23

CASES:

300

2021 SANGIOVESE

VARIETAL/VINEYARD: This Sangiovese comes from both a 1.5 acre block we planted in 2007 and the East Terrace block in 1991. It is the same Sangiovese Grosso (Brunello clone) we planted on our West Terrace block. These small vineyard blocks have the potential to make some of our best wine, as they are densely planted on a low-vigor rootstock. We have learned over the years the importance of crop-thinning our younger-vine Sangiovese to make the kind of wine worthy of Tuscany's Montalcino DOCG region.

VINTAGE/HARVEST: 2021 was one of our best vintages ever, across all of our varieties. 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: 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 after 21 days of total maceration. We aged this Sangiovese for 17 months in French oak, 40% new.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: I find myself comparing this '21 Sangiovese to a robust Chianti Classico Riserva or vineyard designate wine because of its dark cherry fruit and vibrant acidity. This combination of the '07 and '91 blocks brings a depth of fruit, texture, and tannin that only old vines can bring and that is rarely, if ever, found anywhere in California Sangiovese. The '21 is certainly worthy of aging up to 6 to 8 years. - MU