

UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

AGLIANICO

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GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.9% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

OCT 7, 2021

BRIX AVG:

25.0

BLEND:

100% AGLIANICO

ACIDITY:

6.5 g/L

pH:

3.52

ALCOHOL:

14.9%

AGING:

17 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
40% NEW

BOTTLED:

4/20/23

CASES:

175

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2021 AGLIANICO

VARIETAL & VINEYARD: This 100% Aglianico comes from a 2-acre vineyard located on the Benchland property, planted in 2013. We planted Aglianico on the Benchland property because, as a southern Italian varietal, we felt that site would help it ripen earlier due to its' well-drained soils and warmer micro-climate. It is typically one of the last vineyard blocks we harvest. Aglianico is considered the most distinguished red grape of Southern Italy; grown in the regions of Campania and Basilicata. The varietal has tiny berries with thick skins, which explains its' color and tannin.

VINTAGE/HARVEST: 2021 was one of our best vintages ever, across all varietals. 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. Harvest was October 7th, the last fruit of the vintage. Aglianico typically has smaller, thick-skinned berries; which was only intensified by the naturally low yields this vintage. These smaller berries enhanced the varietals' hallmark blue/violet floral aromatics and compelling tannin profile.

WINEMAKING: Our winemaking with Aglianico 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 daily. We then drain and press when the wine is fermented to dryness. Our Aglianico was aged in french oak barrels, 40% new for 17 months.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: Everyone here at UNTI is raving about our Aglianico, and believe it is rapidly contesting the throne of our best Italian varietal. Our version has the tannin structure to rival the famed Taurasi DOCG, yet a more expressive fruit and acidity profile thanks to our cooler nighttime temperatures. The 2021 vintage is concentrated, complex, and balanced, but with finer tannins than previous vintages at this point in their lifetime. It is yet another highlight of the outstanding 2021 vintage, and not to be missed. — MJU