



WINEMAKER NOTES

This single-barrel lot from Kimsey Vineyard is SAMsARA's first single-varietal release of Mourvèdre. When blending for our GSM, this barrel emerged as a treasure that we felt the need to showcase on its own. It's a delightful Old World style wine, with cherry candy and spice-laden aromas. The palate reveals intriguing notes of bright red fruit, spearmint and umami, with a saline quality that enhances the mid-palate. Soft and friendly, the wine has medium tannins on the finish, making it approachable yet sophisticated. The use of 100% whole cluster fermentation adds complexity and depth to this unique SAMsARA offering.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	23
Appellation:	Ballard Canyon
Varietal composition:	100% Mourvèdre
Clonal selection:	ENZ
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/Chalk/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 21 months
Alcohol:	11%
Brix:	20.2
pH at harvest:	3.46
Finished pH:	3.64
Finished TA:	5.7g/L
Harvest date:	10/23/21
Bottling date:	9/19/2023
Release date:	June 2024

2021 VINTAGE

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 was an even, cool vintage allowing fruit extended hang time to concentrate flavors and complexity without losing acid. Wines from this vintage are powerful while still being moderate in alcohol, and maintaining freshness and fruit purity.

KIMSEY VINEYARD

Kimsey vineyard lies in the cool, southwest corner of Ballard Canyon. High farming standards and organically certified. Vines are planted close together, and the 'high density' farming yields a lower crop 'per plant'. The greater number of vines per acre stresses the plants (in a good way!), proving super high quality fruit with intense flavors.

ACCOLADES

93 points - Wine Enthusiast *This one-barrel bottling of a typically rugged grape was likely not originally designed to be so delicate, but the results are very engaging. Light in the glass, the nose is reminiscent of warm raspberry pie being served amid the dust clouds of a sagebrush-surrounded ranch. The palate is tense with chalky tannins but bright with strawberry punch flavors.* — Matt Kettmann