



WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Reserve Syrah bottling from 2021 is a two barrel selection driven by style each year, our winemaker, Matt Brady, chooses the most powerful, complex, ageable and textual barrels to blend into this wine. OM is meant to age, and held in barrel and bottle longer before release than any other Syrah we make. The 2021 is a powerful red and blue fruit-driven wine with notes of cracked pepper, licorice and tarragon. This bottling has endless energy and is dark, weighty, powerful and pure with aromatics you can get lost in.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 40
Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition: 100% Syrah
Clonal selection: Clone 1, Clone 470
% Whole cluster: 85%
Soil at site: Loam/Limestone/Sand/DE

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak |
22 months

Alcohol: 14%
Brix: 23.7-25.4
pH at harvest: 3.35-3.55
Finished pH: 3.83
Finished TA: 6.3 g/L

Harvest date: 10/22/2021
Bottling date: 8/18/2023
Release date: Fall 2025

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.

STA. RITA HILLS

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is significantly impacted by its proximity to the ocean (10 miles), consistent morning/evening fog, and steady afternoon winds. These cooling trends are not only perfectly suited to growing Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Grenache, and Syrah, but also serve to prolong the growing season, allowing for heightened varietal flavor intensity. Additionally, the area's cool climate and vineyards' calcareous rock and sand help produce grapes with natural acidity and flavor balance.

ACCOLADES

98 points - James Suckling *Wow, so singular, opulent and elegant at the same time. This is a single-barrel selection from Samsara's syrah vineyard sources and the top bottle in their lineup. It's sleek but structured, deep in raspberries, chocolate, spearmint and creme de cassis. So vivid, delicious, balanced and long. Drink or hold.* -James Suckling

96 points - Wine Advocate *The 2021 Syrah OM is a blend of two top sites in the Sta. Rita Hills. It offers a bit more textural richness than the other Syrahs in the range, but that's certainly not a bad thing. Inky blue/purplishfruit, lavender and spice are pushed to the foreground. The style is a bit forward in the context of these wines, but it works well.* - Matthew Luczy