

MARCHELLE



2021 Fourth Act Pinot Noir, Carneros, Napa Valley

The primary vineyard of this blend is Huichica Creek, across from the acclaimed Hudson Vineyard in Napa Carneros. A smattering of other vineyards found their way into the blend, including single barrels of Manchester Ridge from the Mendocino Coast and Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier from van der Kamp up on Sonoma Mountain. The grapes were destemmed but not crushed and sent to 5-ton open-topped fermentors with 10% whole cluster at the bottom of the tanks. Fermentation was done using indigenous or “wild” yeast, uninoculated and pressed/racked to barrel before fermentation was complete. The young wine was racked early off of the yeast lees, blended and returned to barrel with 25% new oak, then aged for 17 months.

2021 Harvest

The 2021 vintage saw very dry conditions with an early budbreak and damaging frosts. This led to a lighter than normal crop for harvest, with excellent concentration. Harvest took place in early September for the main component of the blend, with the few remaining lots harvested from early to late October.

Tasting Notes

Intense purple/red hues and a moderate depth of color greet the eye. Bright berry, earth and sandalwood grace the aromas of the wine, which follow through to the palate. An excellent backbone of acidity complements the finely-sculpted tannin structure. The aftertaste lingers with a long and complex finish.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa Valley

Vineyard: Huichica Creek Vineyard

Production: 1,478 cases

Alcohol by Volume: 14.1%

Residual Sugar: Dry (<.01%)

Winemaker: Greg La Follette

pH: 3.6 | **TA** 6.2g/L

Size: 750ml

Finished NTU: < 1