

2021 OPTIMIST



VITALS

Varietals	Grenache 70%, Petit Verdot 12%, Syrah 10%, Roussanne & Viognier 8%
Vineyards	Watch Hill, , Happy Canyon, Kimsey
Alcohol	13.9%
Barrels / Coopers	Seasoned 400 & 500L French oak barrels
Barrel Aging	25 months
Rackings	(at bottling)
Fermentation & upbringing	35% whole cluster, 100% native yeasts, 13 months on lees
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	January 2024
Total SO2 at bottling	< 65ppm
Production	375 cases
Release	Winter 2024
Winery Retail	\$50

NOTES

The carefree charm and fearless determination of youth may be a memory for most of us but we can find these qualities in other aspects of life. In wine terms, Grenache provides them more than most varietals and the suave Grenache-focused 2021 Optimist delivers youthful exuberance in spades: heady aromas extend an invitation to go skipping through the wildflower meadow, take a drink from the cool mountain stream and enjoy its clean lingering sensation long after each sip. We design Optimist to provide early and frequent pleasure with this vibrant, youthful personality, and to work with a broad variety of foods. An ideal dinner companion for the remaining cold weeks and into summer, served at or slightly below cellar temp.

Vitals: 35% whole cluster Grenache from three blocks at Watch Hill Vineyard, co-fermented with Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and tiny bits of Roussanne and Viognier, raised in a variety of 400 and 500L barrels for about two years.

Food: cuts through richer dishes like a hot knife through butter and plays with lighter style ingredients like Muhammad Ali with Joe Frazier, which is why this is our choice for any weekday meal -hot, cold, rich, or simple.

Music: Cuckoo, Cosmo Sheldrake // Peter and the Wolf (narrated by David Bowie) // Friday Afternoons, Op. 7 (Cuckoo), Benjamin Britten.