

2021 THE HIGHLANDS



VITALS

Varietals	Cabernet Franc 78%, Petit Verdot 14%, Grenache 3%
Vineyards	Two Wolves, Watch Hill
Alcohol	14.5%
Barrels / Coopers	Seasoned 400L French oak barrels
Barrel Aging	27 months
Rackings	(at bottling)
Fermentation & upbringing	30% whole cluster, 100% native yeasts, 13 months on lees
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	January 2024
Total SO2 at bottling	< 65ppm
Production	175 cases
Release	Winter 2024
Winery Retail	\$95

NOTES

Aah, Cabernet Franc! This 2021 edition of The Highlands is like George Méliès' "A Trip to the Moon" - interested in exploration without concern of the outcome, a journey into worlds of wild scents and playful textures begging to be discovered. Where Juve Buenrostro and his team grow Cabernet Franc for us - on a mesa near Happy Canyon, that is defined by chilly nights and warm windy days - we get to play both sides of the same varietal: the aromatic profile we know from the cooler climates of the Loire Valley, with the focus, concentration, and generosity akin to its brethren from Bordeaux's rive-droits producers who favor Cabernet Franc over Merlot.

Vitals: About 78% Cabernet Franc from two blocks at Two Wolves Vineyard, co-fermented with Petit Verdot and Grenache on native yeasts and about 40% whole cluster inclusion, raised for about two years in 400L seasoned French Oak.

Food: Schnitzel, Milanese (or whatever each culture that thinks it invented pounded, breaded, fried chicken calls their version), with your preferred accompaniments and side dishes. An excellent grilled cheese sandwich and herb salad...and many other things that involve frying or sautéing in oil and/or butter.

Music: Underlands, Andrew Bird // Superposition, KGLW // Vibes and Stuff, Tribe Called Quest // Experience, BBNG & Ghostface Killa // Brakhage, Stereolab // Fazers, King Geedorah/four et remix // Out on the Western Plane // Small Car, Marvin Pontiac.