

MAHA



"The 2021 Understory is composed of nearly equal parts of Grenache, Carignan, and Mourvèdre. Rocking levels of black raspberries, ground pepper, liquid violets, and some leather notes all emerge from the glass, and this beauty is medium to full-bodied and deep, rich, and layered on the palate, with no sensation of weight or heaviness."

98 pts - Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 Understory is a blend of Grenache, Carignan and Mourvèdre vinified with 20% whole clusters and matured for 20 months in 15% new French oak. It has gregarious aromas of cassis and boysenberry, plus slowly blossoming, detailed nuances of tar, blood orange and cured meats. The medium-bodied palate offers Goldilocks ripeness, a finely chalky texture and bursts of fresh acidity that enlivens its perfumed fruit. Effortlessly balanced and youthfully latent, it will be long lived in bottle."

96 pts - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

Understory, 2021

Blend: 34% Grenache, 33% Carignan, 33% Mourvèdre

Certifications: Demeter Biodynamic Wine. Demeter Biodynamic and CCOF Organic Grapes.

Appellation: Adelaida District, Paso Robles

Harvest: September 5th - 23rd, 2021

Vinification: Native yeast fermented in a selection of concrete and stainless steel with a variety of pump overs and punch downs depending on desired extraction for 20 to 36 days. Basket pressed into a selection of French barriques and puncheons (15% new). 20% whole clusters. Aged for 20 months.

Nose: Pure red fruits, wild berry tart, graham cracker crust, pink peppercorn, sweet thyme, orange peel & dried cranberry.

Palate: Pure and clean. Fresh, wild cherry. Exquisite combination of fruit, acid and seedless tannins. Powerful and delicate, beaming with fruit with a long, electric finish. Should age gracefully for decades but so pure and tempting right now now. Best Understory ever?

ABV: 14.9%

Bottled: 8.08.23