

SALVESTRIN

~ DR. CRANE VINEYARD ~

2021

RETAGGIO

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Tasting Notes:

This super Tuscan style blend includes Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet and Cabernet Franc. Aged leather, blackberry, violets and green olive emerge on the nose. Robust yet plush, this medium plus bodied red wine has polished chalky tannins and a tight focused finish.

Winemaking:

Retaggio translates to 'legacy' in Italian and is a high-end table wine designed to pay homage to the Salvestrins' heritage. It is a super Tuscan style blend featuring Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Each variety is vinted separately. Sangiovese receives a shorter cold soak, fewer pumpovers, and less time on skins to preserve delicacy and freshness. Merlot is cold soaked for 4 days, native fermented, and receives 2-3 pumpovers per day during fermentation. Cabernet Sauvignon is cold soaked for 5-7 days, receives more pumpovers for maximum extraction during peak fermentation, and spends longer time on skins to allow the tannins and texture to soften. Cabernet Franc is cold soaked for 4-6 days, native fermented and receives mainly punch downs twice per day, even during peak fermentation. Each of these components is crafted very carefully so our final blend reflects the very best quality that the estate Dr. Crane vineyard has to offer. The Retaggio is aged for a total of 16 months in mostly neutral oak, with a few new French barrels thrown in for complexity and depth.

Vintage:

The 2021 growing season started off with little rain, leading to a second year of drought conditions in Napa Valley. Dry, warm conditions persisted throughout the growing season and well into September. Due to lack of water in the soil, canopies and clusters were smaller - leading to below average yields. Sauvignon Blanc was particularly hit, with 30% lower yields than the historical average. Luckily in terms of quality, low yields translate to intensely flavored, small berries with concentrated textural components - ideal for premium winemaking. Harvest was on the early side of normal, but the pace was even and the weather mild.

The quality of the vintage has serious age-worthy potential.



BLEND: 45% Sangiovese, 40% Merlot, 12.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2.5% Cabernet Franc

AVA: St. Helena, Napa Valley

HARVEST: September - October 2021

PRODUCTION: 490 Cases

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2023

AGING: 16 Months

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

COOPERAGE: French Oak Barrels, 10% New