

SALVESTRIN

~ DR. CRANE VINEYARD ~

2021

SANGIOVESE

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Tasting Notes:

Our 2021 Sangiovese opens with intense aromatics of candied raspberry, pomegranate, and bright cherry. Medium bodied in weight, the palate is concentrated yet silky with a youthful exuberance. The vibrant acidity lengthens the finish with a touch of dried walnut and rose petal.

Winemaking:

Estate grown from the Dr. Crane vineyard; our 1.58 acres of Sangiovese is a rarity in the Napa Valley. The earliest red grape to ripen, we harvest Sangiovese in early September like clockwork every vintage. Harvested in the cool hours of the night, the grapes arrive to the winery by 7am and we begin processing immediately. Destemmed and berry sorted, only the best of the bunch makes it to tank. We cold soak – keeping the must around 55F – for a few days before turning off chilling and allowing the tank to warm up naturally. We inoculate using commercial yeast. We perform pumpovers daily during cold soak and fermentation, which usually lasts two weeks. Once the wine is dry and fermentation complete, we drain the tank and dig out the skins into bins – which then go into the press. The drain (free run) and press wine are kept separate. Sangiovese is aged in all neutral oak. After over a year of aging, we barrel select those destined for our pure Sangiovese wine and the balance goes to Retaggio. The wine is then prepared for bottling and aged a total of 16 months.

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:	100% Sangiovese
AVA:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
HARVEST:	September - October 2021
PRODUCTION:	135 Cases
RELEASE DATE:	Spring 2023
AGING:	16 Months
ALCOHOL:	14.2%
COOPERAGE:	Neutral French Oak Barrels