MODELFARM



2021 SYRAH
LA CRUZ VINEYARD, PETALUMA GAP

La Cruz Vineyard was planted in 1989 by Ted Lemon for the Keller Family. Located at the southeastern end of the Petaluma Gap appellation, La Cruz is one of the farthest vineyards from the namesake 'Gap' where the wind and fog funnel in from the ocean every afternoon. This slight change in climate from the rest of the appellation affords the vines extend sunshine and a bit of extra warmth, leading to deeper, richer fruit while still maintaining the trademark freshness that defines Syrah from the Petaluma Gap.

CELLAR NOTES

There is an inherent richness and depth to the fruit from La Cruz vineyard which requires restraint to preserve the purity and balance of the finished wine. Two selections of Syrah were harvested between September 8th and the 17th. The Noir selection was picked first. True to name, Noir brings dark fruit and structure which act as the backbone of the wine. The following week, the Alban selection was harvested. The Alban gives red-fruited freshness, ample acidity, and is perfect for whole-cluster fermentation. Together these contrasting components blend beautifully and build a wine of depth, purity, and freshness. The 2021 vintage is a stand out with deep aromatic complexity, pure fruit, juicy acidity, and old world soul.

Farmed using strictly organic and Biodynamic practices. 100% native fermentation, 70% whole cluster fermented, bottled unfined, 12.5% alc, 4 barrels produced.

2021 LA CRUZ VINEYARD SYRAH

- Hillside vineyard in the South Eastern Petaluma Gap Appellation
- South/Southwest facing slope
- Gravely – Loam soils
- Organically Farmed
- Noir harvested 9/8, Alban harvested 9/17
- 70% Whole Cluster
- Raised in Neutral French Oak Puncheon (500 L)
- 12.5% Alc, 3.7 pH, 5.9 TA
- 4 Barrels Produced (100 cases)

