

RIDEAU VINEYARD

2021 ZOTOVICH VINEYARD SYRAH

Inky and layered, the Syrah showcases dark blackberries and plums, lifted by savory spices, peppercorns, and subtle floral undercurrents. On the palate it is medium to full-bodied, with polished tannins, bright acidity, and a long finish that balances fruit intensity with herb-tinged complexity

2021 VINTAGE NOTES

A cool, even 2021 growing season in Sta. Rita Hills followed a dry winter and mild spring, leading to a steady, extended ripening period. Persistent coastal fog and afternoon winds preserved natural acidity while allowing Pinot Noir to develop depth and phenolic balance. The vintage produced wines with concentration, freshness, and structure that clearly reflect the region's cool-climate character.

VINEYARD SOURCE NOTES

The Zotovich Vineyard Syrah benefits from a cool, coastal-influenced microclimate and sandy loam soils over ancient riverbed cobbles. The site's consistent marine layer, breezy afternoons, and excellent drainage create ideal conditions for slow, even ripening. Careful vineyard practices and low yields result in fruit with vivid concentration, balanced acidity, and a distinctly mineral-driven profile.

VINEYARD & HARVEST

Vineyard: Zotovich
AVA: Sta Rita Hills
Soil: Sandy Loam Over Riverbed Cobble
Harvest: 10/21/2021
Blocks: 9
Clone: 1

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.55
TA: 5.77/L
MLF: Natural
Alcohol: 14.3%

AGING & RELEASE

Aging Duration: 18 months
Bottling Date: 07/25/2023
Oak Type: French
First Release: 05/2025

This Syrah complements grilled lamb racks, braised short ribs, or café-de-paris duck. Its savory layers and spice-rich tannins also pair delightfully with mushroom ragù, pepper-crusted steak, or aged hard cheeses like Manchego and Comté.