



MERLO FAMILY

ESTATE VINEYARDS

2021 Syrah

Trinity, California



Vineyards and Growing Season:

The Merlo Family Vineyards are located on the riverbanks of the wild and scenic South Fork of the Trinity River. Surrounded by 8000 ft. mountains on all sides, the vineyards are higher than most California vineyards, at an elevation of 1,250 feet. 20-year-old vines grow in a valley floor of alluvial soils, allowing for excellent drainage and producing elegant yet complex flavors. The surrounding hillsides are composed of shallow native clay, which helps to create bold, well-structured wines. The growing season, a full three to four weeks later than that of Napa or Sonoma, allows for a much slower ripening, increasing hang time and creating full concentrated flavors without over ripening or depleting natural acids.

Tasting Notes:

Deep ruby-purple in the glass, this full-bodied red has notes of ripe, bursting blackberry, black cherry, and plum fruits along notable oak integration. The palate generously coats the mouth with a bristly tannic texture, balanced by the roundness of alcohol and modest acidity.

Wine Enthusiast 87 Point, \$35.00

Enology:

Composition: 100% Syrah

Aging: French and American Oak 18 mo.

pH: 3.62 **TA:** 7.1 Gr/Lt. **ALC:** 14.2%

Production: 1600 gal **Release:** August 2023