

## 2021 AVIARY BIRDS OF PREY

## **OUR STORY**

Founded in 2010, Aviary Vineyards launched with the 2009 vintage of our Napa Valley Red Blend. That first vintage took advantage of small lots from 13 different vineyards throughout the Napa Valley. Much like an aviary, the blend of different grapes created something more special than each component on its own. We strive to craft wines that are captivating and enjoyable. We want to express the big, bold flavors that are uniquely California, but presented in a balanced and elegant style with a smooth finis We are a team, a family, a community, and like an aviary, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

## **WINEMAKING NOTES**

The 2021 vintage in California was marked by favorable conditions for quality winemaking. A relatively mild growing season allowed for slow, even ripening, which preserved the vibrant fruit character and balanced acidity in the grapes. Limited rainfall resulted in lower yields, but the berries developed concentrated flavors, resulting in wines with depth and finesse. This balance is beautifully reflected in the 2021 Aviary Birds of Prey, where rich fruit notes are complemented by a refined oak influence..

THIS WINE SHOWCASES ENTICING AROMAS OF BLACK CURRANT, PLUM, AND CHERRY, ACCENTED BY SUBTLE HINTS OF EUCALYPTUS AND CHOCOLATE. ON THE PALATE, IT IS MEDIUM-BODIED WITH A PLEASANT, LIGHTLY TOASTED OAK FINISH THAT ADDS COMPLEXITY WITHOUT OVERPOWERING THE FRUIT.

RECOMMENDED PAIRINGS INCLUDE GRILLED LAMB CHOPS, ROAST DUCK WITH A CHERRY GLAZE, MUSHROOM RISOTTO, OR BEEF TENDERLOIN. FOR CHEESE LOVERS, AGED GOUDA OR SHARP CHEDDAR BEAUTIFULLY ACCENTUATE THE WINE'S RICH BLACK CURRANT AND CHOCOLATE NOTES.

## **TECHNICAL NOTES**

PH: 3.88 G/L
TA: 5.5N G/L
ALCOHOL: 13.9%

BARREL: 8 MONTHS FRENCH OAK.

