

Le Mistral

The name, Le Mistral, comes from the name for the winds of the Rhône Valley in France, where blustery afternoons cool vineyards quickly and produce similar flavors in their native varieties like Syrah and Grenache. We are proud to farm the Le Mistral Vineyard in a sustainable way. This combines the best management practices from other farming systems, like organic and biodynamic, to positively impact the bottom line, environment, and society.

2021 Syrah

Appellation: Brosseau Vineyard in the Chalone AVA

Composition: 77% Grenache, 23% Syrah

Alc. by Vol.: 13.7%

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.6 g/l

Syrah has increasingly become one of my favorite wines to make over my career. It lends itself to creativity and is forgiving when things don't go 100% to plan. We've done a lot of work on this wine and are proud to present this iteration to you – including roughly 50% whole cluster grapes and about 5% Viognier blended in to give an aromatic lift to this broody grape. Most grapes come from Brosseau Vineyard in the Chalone AVA, a limestone-rich site in the shadows of the Pinnacles National Park. We've

We started using less new French oak in this and letting the peppery and juicy grapes speak to you directly. This wine has a wonderfully savory and briny nature that is intriguing in its youth but will age very nicely over the next 5-25 years. The Syrah was hand-harvested along with the Viognier and co-fermented in open-top bins. We always place the whole cluster portion in the bin first, then the de-stemmed fruit on top afterward. The wine is natively fermented before aging in French oak (25% one year old) for 16 months before bottling in the winter of 2022.

*Produced and bottled by Folktale Winery & Vineyards
in Carmel, California*

