

Baldacci

FAMILY VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

2021 Syrah

Carneros | Napa Valley



The Wine

Syrah is a cool climate varietal and our Honey B vineyard in the Los Carneros appellation is an ideal location for bringing out the full expression of this grape. We harvest a bit later to allow for a multi-faceted fruit expression rather than a more traditional lean and green style. I love this varietal because it is so fun and so uniquely different from our other red wines. I like to select barrels that have a slightly heavier toast profile and this imparts an additional layer of smokiness to the wine. I enjoy this wine in its youth as it is chewy and textured but I really love pulling a 5+ year old selection from the cellar. Some of the more aggressive bite from the tannins get knocked back and then the dark, rich berry fruit can take a more prominent role.

The 2021 Growing Season

The 2021 vintage was a personal milestone for me as it marked a decade of winemaking at my family's winery. A smooth growing season with low precipitation yielded smaller grapes with intensely concentrated flavors and smaller yields per vine. Quality was high across the board and the wines are approachable and complex now, with the concentration and structure to age.

Tasting Notes

This wine greets you with aromatic layers of ripe blackberry and smoky pepper, a nod to the cool climate of Carneros. On the palate, flavors of dark cherry and a hint of savory herbs are underpinned by velvety tannins and a touch of oak spice. A perfect companion for grilled meats and savory dishes.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Syrah
Appellation	Carneros, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Honey B
Harvest Date	October 16, 2021
Cooperage	Aged for 22 months in French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 29, 2023
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	7.0 g/L
pH	3.64
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	97 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Black plum, boysenberry, blueberry pie, black pepper, ginger, espresso

Los Carneros Honey B Vineyard

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 23 total acres, 21 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

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Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Climate: Cool, with prevailing marine winds from the San Pablo Bay and through the Petaluma Gap to the west.

High temperatures during summer rarely exceed 80°F with less diurnal range.

Elevation: Sea level to 700 feet

Rainfall: Lowest in Napa Valley: up to 24 inches annually.

Soils: Clay dominated, very shallow in general, with more loam and hillside alluvials in the northern section. Yields typically are restrained by the hard clay pan subsoil, which prevents deep-rooting.

Vineyard Blocks: 12

Clones: 15, 17, 26.1, 45, 48, 169, 383, 470, 777, 809, Calera, Pommard, Robert Young, Swan, Wente

Varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewürztraminer

