

2021

TEROLDEGO

GRAND VALLEY



VINEYARD

Handshake Acres Vineyard

Savage Block

GRAPE VARIETIES

98% Teroldego

2% Petit Verdot

ABV

13.2%

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TASTING NOTES

A risky yet rewarding experiment our Winegrower made when planting this dark inky grape which enjoys higher altitude regions similar to ours. Although we pioneered planting this varietal in Colorado, its lineage dates back many years and is recognized as an ancient noble Italian varietal. Fragrant aromas of star anise and dark cherry unfold with profound flavors of blackberry, pomegranate, and cocoa powder. A bright acidity and firm tannins round out the mid-palate with a lavish lingering finish.

WINEGROWING

Grown with a focus on sustainability. These grapes are farmed on nutrient rich soils, made up of a decomposed ancient sea bed. A properly managed, umbrella like canopy allows for just the right air flow and dappled sunlight on to the clusters to achieve maximum quality. The higher water holding capacity of these soils allow for fewer water applications throughout the season, and lends to the uniqueness of the wine.

WINEMAKING

De-stemmed and left uncrushed, the whole berries tend to express more red berry fruit character than crushed. Intracellular fermentation kicked off in each berry but was followed by 1-3 gentle punchdowns daily. Once dry the wine was pressed to a neutral french oak barrel to carry out malo-lactic conversion. Minimal sulfites added at bottling.

AWARDS

2022 Colorado Governor's Cup - **SILVER**