

# PRIDE

MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

## 2022 SYRAH

SONOMA COUNTY

1990

2024



blend

98.5% SYRAH

1.5% VIOGNIER

aging

CO-FERMENTED

8% WHOLE CLUSTER

100% NEUTRAL BARREL

16 MONTHS

abv

14.6%

srp

\$68

Pride Mountain Vineyards sits high atop Napa Valley's Spring Mountain, at the site of the historic Summit Ranch, where wine grapes have been grown since 1885. Our beautiful estate includes wine caves dug deep into the mountains and the ruins of the old stone Summit Winery dating to 1890. As you walk the vineyards, there are 360-degree views with Mount St. Helena and the Vaca Mountains to the north and east and the Sonoma Coastal Ranges to the west and south. It's simply breathtaking.

Some 2000 feet above the floor of the Napa Valley, our vines receive more light, resulting in tannin and phenolic anti-oxidant levels that are higher than red grapes in the surrounding valleys. This is the main contributor to the broad-shouldered "mountain character" of our red wines. Although we receive more sunshine, the climate is more even than that of the valley floor, allowing for great hang time in the fall. To encourage more elegance, freshness, and finesse, we have planted our Syrah on a northwest facing slope, aptly named the "Sunset Vineyard." It looks at the coastal mountain ranges some 30 miles to the west and benefits from afternoon breezes off the ocean to cool the microclimate.

Winemaking for our Rhone varieties is inspired by old world traditions and our love of the greats from Hermitage and Cote Rotie. Our Syrah is partially whole cluster fermented and there is always a little bit of Viognier left on the vine to be co-fermented. Elevage is entirely in neutral oak so as not to overwhelm the natural complexity of the Syrah grape. It is always our first red to be bottled from the vintage.

Pride Mountain Vineyards was founded in 1990 by Jim and Carolyn Pride. Today, the winery is owned by the second generation of the Pride family.

## THE WINE

The 2022 Syrah is intensely savory with bacon fat, black and green peppercorns, and cocoa powder. Purple flowers are heaped on top of ripe black raspberry and black cherry. There is a lovely stony mineral core to the wine. The palate is taught with a nice tension between luscious fruit, bay leaf, sweet tobacco, and fine grain tannins. The finish is long and fruit driven, carried through by wonderfully balanced acidity. While it's hard to resist young Syrah, this wine will also reward time in the cellar.



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