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# 2021 Tooth & Nail Red Blend

### Winemaking

The 2021 growing season was remarkably steady and mild, with prevailing cooler conditions that allowed for intense color development and optimal ripeness at lower sugar levels. The result was a winemaker's dream, with the ability to dictate perfect pick dates while achieving excellent quality. The grapes were harvested over a six-week period from September 14 through November 3, 2021. After destemming the clusters, Director of Winemaking Jeremy Leffert and his team fermented the fruit in a combination of 10-ton stainless steel tanks, four-ton concrete fermenters and large oak tanks. After seven to ten days of warm extraction, the new wine was pressed off the skins and into stainless steel tanks to finish fermentation, a maneuver designed to maintain a pure tannin profile while avoiding any uptake of phenolic astringency. Post fermentation, the individual lots were aged in French oak barrels (15% new oak) for 12 months prior to blending and bottling.

## **Tasting Notes**

The 2021 Tooth & Nail Red Blend is a deliciously unconventional cuvée of Cabernet Sauvignon (57%), Petite Sirah (20%), Syrah (12%) and Tempranillo (11%). It offers warm, inviting aromas of cherry, dried herbs, tobacco leaf and subtle oak. The palate is dense and meaty, showing bold flavors of currant, black plum and pomegranate with hints of tea and soy sauce. A rich, rustic finish is carried by focused acidity and striking mineral undercurrents.

### **Tooth & Nail Squad Series**

The Squad Series is a line of Tooth & Nail wines made in admiration for those who inspire us most: our loyal followers. Sustainably grown, high in character and digitally alive—taste the future of wine.



**Appellation:** Paso Robles

Harest Dates: September 14 through

November 3, 2021

Aging: 12 months in French oak barrels

(15% new)

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**pH:** 3.71

**TA:** 6.2 g/L

**Production:** 5,600 cases

