

2021 SYRAH HAWKS BUTTE YORKVILLE HIGHLANDS

The 2021 vintage marks our second vineyard designate bottling of Hawk's Butte Syrah. Located 30 miles east of the Pacific Ocean at an elevation of 1,500 feet in Mendocino County's Yorkville Highlands, Hawk's Butte Vineyard is organically farmed and enjoys a cooler, ocean-influenced climate. The south-facing vines thrive on steep slopes, where cool winds and rocky, heat-retentive soils create the perfect conditions for grapes to ripen with excellent acidity.

The ideal 2021 growing season allowed us to extend the grape hang time, resulting in a bottling that showcases Hawks Butte's potential for opulent concentration, while picked on the early side to preserve acidity and freshness.

Once harvested, the grapes were foot stomped and fermented whole cluster. We rely on native yeasts to carry out the fermentation process before the wine is pressed to neutral puncheons for aging. The wine rests in bottle for a year before release.

Fresh and bright but packed with intensity. The nose opens slowly to cassis, bay leaves, damp earth with olive and spit roasted game. The 2021 Hawk's Butte shows off flavors that are spiced, peppery, and complex. A medium to full-bodied Syrah with a plush tannin and texture.

13% ABV

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