

## 2022 Syrah

## The Bench Vineyard Clements Hills

Inspired by the rare southern rhone Syrah, a slight departure from our cool climate Syrahs, this wine shows those roasted flavors that you can only get from Syrah grown in sand in a warm spot. The low fertility sandy soils are derived from Granite and Tufa and form undulating "Hills" from the steady breezes from the west. These fine-grained soils grow fine grained wines. We fermented this 100% Syrah with 100% Whole-Clusters and aged it in 500L French Oak Puncheons for six months before bottling this wine without any fining or filtration.

100% Syrah
100% Whole Cluster Fermentation
Aged in neutral 500L French Oak Puncheons
6 months in Puncheons
Free SO2 @ Bottling 12 ppm
3.78 pH
13.0% Alc by Vol

## Tasting Note:

Robust aromas of plums, tar and violets dominate the intoxicating aromas of this southern Rhone styled Syrah. Gritty and laced with baked pomegranate and cherry skin, this peppery Syrah shows the warmer climate it was grown in with its warm embrace of lucious baked red summer fruits and firm and vibrant personality. This medium bodied and spicy red will put on weight with time in your cellar and develop even more.