

OUTWARD

2021 Old Oak Vineyard Vaccarèse

vineyard

The Old Oak Vineyard is part of the Paso Robles Willow Creek District and features 21 acres of organic, dry-farmed grapes of 11 different varieties. The vineyard sits above 1300 feet, and features heavily calcareous soils.

The first vines were planted in the 1970s to Zinfandel and the vineyard has since expanded to producing Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as a number of Rhone varieties under ownership of the Colmar family since 2007. Among these varieties includes the Vaccarèse that we produce.

Vaccarèse is one of the rarest grapes in Chateauneuf-du-Pape, with just over 10 acres planted there. Tablas Creek brought over cuttings of the rare vine and first planted it in 2017. Shortly after, our friends at Lone Madrone planted a small amount of Vaccarèse at Old Oak and as far as we know, this is one of two vineyards in North America that grows this grape. We are thrilled to have an opportunity to explore and express this rare and unique variety.

winemaking

The Vaccarèse was harvested by hand on October 4, 2021. The wine spent 14 days on the skins with 50% whole cluster inclusion, and underwent a native yeast fermentation.

No punch-downs were performed and only gentle pour-overs were practiced for cap management in order to encourage carbonic maceration character in the whole clusters. After fermentation, the wine was basket pressed and aged in neutral French oak barrels for 6 months. Minimal sulfur was added for stability before bottling without fining or filtration in April 2022.

tasting notes & pairings

Our 2021 Old Oak Vaccarèse has rustic characteristics reminiscent of Mondeuse ... think violets, candied red fruit, pencil lead, and spice, all underscored by a vein of lively tannin.

Try this wine with grilled sausage, roasted lamb, BBQ pork ribs, comte cheese, and even curry.

details

- composition: 100% Vaccarèse
- cases produced: 72
- harvest Brix: 19.4
- alc: 12.5
- pH: 3.71
- TA: 5.6 g/L
- RS: 0.1 g/L