



2021 “MURMURATION” RED BLEND

PHILOSOPHY

MURMURATION REFERS TO THE PHENOMENON THAT RESULTS WHEN HUNDREDS, SOMETIMES THOUSANDS, OF STARLINGS FLY IN SWOOPING, INTRICATELY COORDINATED PATTERNS THROUGH THE SKY. WHEN WE WITNESS THIS MAGNIFICENT EVENT IN THE VINEYARD, IT REMINDS US THAT A GREAT BLEND IS A COLLECTIVE REFLECTION OF THE SUM OF ALL PARTS, AS OPPOSED TO ANY ONE PART ON ITS OWN. AS WE CONTINUE TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE MULTIPLE RED GRAPES ON THE PROPERTY, WE FOUND WE NEED A SPACE FOR CREATIVITY AND BLENDING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A WINE THAT SHOWCASES A HOLISTIC EXPRESSION OF PLACE.

VINTAGE NOTES

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPERIENCED A RELATIVELY WARM WINTER DURING 2020-2021, AND MUCH OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SAW AVERAGE TO BELOW AVERAGE WINTER PRECIPITATION. WITH A COOL AND DRY START TO THE GROWING SEASON, WE SAW BUDBREAK THE THIRD WEEK OF APRIL AND PROGRESSED THROUGH A FEW HEAT SPIKES AND THEN ONTO SOME COOL WEATHER IN LATE MAY, AND RAIN DURING FLOWERING IN JUNE. THE MOST MEMORABLE WEATHER EVENT OF 2021 WAS THE EPIC “HEAT DOME” IN LATE JUNE, WHICH FORTUNATELY DID NOT DAMAGE THE VINES OR DEVELOPING BERRIES THANKS TO THE TIMING OF THE EVENT AND CORRESPONDING PLANT GROWTH STAGE. THE REMAINDER OF THE GROWING SEASON WAS WARMER THAN AVERAGE, WITH A COOL DOWN IN BOTH AUGUST AND DURING HARVEST IN OCTOBER. IN COMPARISON TO 2020, FRUIT SET WAS CONSISTENT BUT YIELDED SMALLER CLUSTERS AND BERRIES OVERALL. 2021 WAS A WONDERFUL GROWING SEASON, WITH LOW DISEASE PRESSURE, AVERAGE YIELDS AND PERFECT CLUSTERS - WHICH LED TO CONCENTRATED, FRESH AND COMPLEX WINES ACROSS ALL CLONES AND VARIETIES AT JOHAN.

PRODUCTION NOTES

THE 2021 VINTAGE IS A BLEND OF 1/3 CABERNET FRANC AND THE REMAINING 2/3 CONSISTING OF OUR AUSTRIAN RED GRAPES — ZWEIFELT, BLAUFRÄNKISCH, & ST. LAURENT. IN 2021, THESE RED VARIETIES HAD VERY SIMILAR FRUIT PROFILES AND WE THOUGHT THEY WOULD PLAY NICELY TOGETHER — AND HEY, WE WERE RIGHT!

PRODUCTION: 638 CASES PRODUCED

ALCOHOL: 11.3%

pH: 3.39

TA: 6.9 g/L