



Côte Nicault

2021 Côte Nicault GSM Red Mountain Gilles Nicault

Tasting Notes: Crafted with careful attention and a deep passion for making wines that reflect the varietals and the land, this Red Mountain GSM reveals an aromatic profile that speaks to the unique terroir. Dominant notes of ripe black currant and succulent figs gracefully intertwine with delicate hints of crushed white pepper, imparting a savory depth to the bouquet. The palate mirrors this complexity, offering a harmonious balance of richness and refinement. A velvety mouthfeel delivers a symphony of flavors, with sage and plum emerging as the focal point, creating a seamless blend of fruit-forward elegance and savory umami. This Rhône-style blend unfolds with remarkable depth, its intricate layers unfolding beautifully. A lingering finish of subtle peppercorn spice adds an exquisite nuance, elevating the overall experience to a sublime crescendo.

Vintage: The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields and extreme temperatures stretching from late June to the beginning of July. The early summer heat wave was followed by ideal weather, with warm days and cool nights extending well into October. The combination of low yields and extra hang time allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage marked by balanced wines with great concentration and flavor

Winemaking: A thoughtful blend of fermentation and aging techniques was employed to cultivate the layered complexity of Côte Nicault. To enhance the wine's texture and viscosity, one-third of the grapes were whole-cluster fermented, allowing the natural essence of the fruit to shine through. The Mourvèdre was aged in a terra-cotta amphora, a nod to Old-World tradition, capturing the grape's savory depth and enhancing its earthy character. Meanwhile, the Grenache, aged in 500L oak barrels, contributed a bouquet of delicate, perfume-like aromas. The Syrah, with its deep, dark fruit profile, was matured in a mix of new and used French oak barrels, imbuing the wine with layers of spice and complexity. After 18 months of careful cellaring, the blend was meticulously assembled, bottled, and allowed to age for an additional two years, ensuring its release at the peak of perfection.

Vineyards: The 2021 GSM is a true expression of the Red Mountain AVA, embodying the rugged beauty and distinct character of this exceptional terroir. Sourced primarily from the Red Heaven Vineyard, a southwest-facing site with ideal conditions, this wine captures the essence of the land. The vineyard, perfectly suited to Rhône varieties, imparts a depth of flavor and complexity that speaks to the unique conditions of this remarkable corner of the world. Each grape reflects the boldness and elegance of Red Mountain, creating a wine that is as unforgettable as the place it comes from.

Blend: 35% Mourvèdre
33% Syrah
32% Grenache

Alcohol: 15.1%
pH: 3.94
TA: 0.47
Production: 345 cases