



# SAGGI

## 2021 SANGIOVESE BLEND • COLUMBIA VALLEY

ONE OF ITALY'S OLDEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS TUSCAN WINE FAMILIES, AMBROGIO & GIOVANNI FOLONARI PROVIDED THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WHILE WORKING WITH LONG SHADOWS' DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING, GILLES NICAULT, WHO NOW PRODUCES THIS UNIQUE BLEND OF SANGIOVESE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND SYRAH.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2021 Saggi is a wine with profound depth and vibrant character. Its rich red hues draw you in, while ripe black currant and wild red cherry flavors tantalize the palate. Enhanced by subtle hints of sweet spice, this wine offers a lively mouthfeel, with silky tannins and balanced acidity creating a beautifully elegant and lengthy finish.

### 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.

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BLEND:  
62% SANGIOVESE  
26% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
12% SYRAH

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### WINEMAKING:

Handpicked grapes were brought to the winery at the peak of ripeness, then gently crushed and fermented in small tanks. Using a technique called saignée (French for "to bleed"), some of the juice was removed from the tank at the beginning of fermentation to increase the proportion of grape skins to juice ratio, enhancing color, flavor, and tannin concentration. Small lot, extended maceration -- up to 30 days for Sangiovese -- refined tannins and developed a lush, round mouthfeel in the finished wine. Aged 18 months in all French oak barrels, 55% new.

### VINEYARDS:

Saggi is a blend of three outstanding Sangiovese vineyards. Walla Walla Valley's Blue Mountain Sangiovese contributes to the wine's dark color and lush mouthfeel. Candy Mountain is a warm site that delivers Sangiovese grapes with intense, dark fruit and structure. Boushey Vineyard Sangiovese, grown in the Yakima Valley, is a cooler site that adds liveliness. McNary Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, in the Horse Heaven Hills, lends elegance and silky tannins. A small amount of Yakima Valley Syrah brings dark color and spice.

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ALCOHOL: 15.2%  
PH: 3.78  
TA: 0.49 GRAMS/100ML  
PRODUCTION: 2,035 CASES

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