

# INK GRADE



## 2021 ANDOSOL

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

### A PREMIER BLEND OF PURE MOUNTAIN FRUIT

Andosol Red is inspired by the historic field blends of California, but with a twist: We make this wine in the style the \*vineyard\* wants it to be, not the winemaker. At this altitude, our red blend emerges with freshness, delicacy, and grace—in contrast to a later-picked style from the valley floor that is more about super-ripe fruit.

It's an homage to the blends of Marcel Deiss of Alsace, where terroir supersedes the grape varietal. In any given year, the cuvée can be comprised of Carignan, Cinsault, Zinfandel, Mourvedre, Syrah, Alicante Bouschet, Viognier, Petit Sirah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot.

“Andosol” has a dual meaning: the scientific name for volcanic-based soil and slang in Andalusia for taking a walk in the sun.

### VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Encompassing notes of pomegranate, mulberry and mint, our 2021 Andosol is complex and fresh with excellent acidity and balanced tannins. The terroir of our mountain estate comes through with undertones of Acacia and pine resin, complemented by ripe red fruits that dance across the palate. Intentionally more lifted and elegant than previous vintages, this blend includes Syrah and Viognier and will pair exceptionally well with food. This is a house favorite.

AVA: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 67% Zinfandel, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Syrah, 6% Cabernet Franc, 1.5% Viognier

AGING: 2 years in French oak barrels (30% new)

HARVEST DATE: 09/05/2021 & 09/06/2021

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VINEYARD BLOCK: LA CHAVANETTE, LONE BASIN, PUMP HOUSE, BEAR BLUFF

PRODUCTION: 1800 9L CASES



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