

# 2021

VARIETAL 85% Zinfandel 15% Petite Sirah

COOPERAGE 14 months French, Hungarian and American Oak

ALCOHOL 15.4%

PRODUCTION 910 Cases

SRP

\$29

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#### GEHRICKE

Russian River Valley - Zinfandel Healdsburg, Călifornia

#### **Tasting Notes**

With a deep magenta hue, fruit-forward aromas leap from the glass with jammy boysenberry, ripe blackberry, smooth leather and a touch of baking spice. Similar in fashion, the palate boasts juicy flavors of dark fruits surrounded by a mouth-watering acidity. The finish is round and lasting, driven by a complex oak spice.

### **Vintage Notes**

The 2021 growing season in Sonoma County was favored with smoke-free skies and consistent weather, yielding an exceptional vintage. Beginning with cool spring temperatures followed by a warm summer without heat waves, the season allowed for the fruit to ripen evenly and gradually, reaching its fullest potential before being pulled off the vine. An early harvest produced grapes with intense, fruit-forward flavors and fresh acidity.

## **Food Pairings**

Enjoy this jammy red wine with a variety of hard and richly flavored cheeses, fried eggplant, tandori chicken, apple glazed BBQ baby back ribs or rosemary braised lamb shanks,

Growing up in Sonoma, we spent a lot of time exploring the local countryside: finding our way through neighboring vineyards owned by old friends and family. I remember the excitement of discovery and freedom while thoroughly studdying our small town and its outskirts. I remember old dusty roads that led to forgotten vineyards and properties... Gehricke is a tribute to one such road.

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