

### GROWING SEASON NOTES

The 2022 growing season began with a dry winter and early bud break, setting the stage for a fast-paced vintage. A warm, consistent summer followed, with heat spikes in late August accelerating ripening. Careful vineyard management was essential to maintain balance and protect fruit integrity during these critical weeks.

### VINEYARD NOTES

Tephra ("ash" in Greek) is rock ejected by volcanic eruption. This steep, 35-acre historic vineyard rises to 1,800 feet in elevation at the north foothill of Howell Mountain. Its thin, gravelly loam and volcanic soils typify the finest Bordeaux variety sites, as do its climate, topography and vegetation - fir, madrone, black oak and ponderosa pine - yielding a rustic fruit profile.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for the Old Soldier Red Blend were picked were hand-harvested separately and destemmed into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Post-pressing and Malolactic fermentation, the wines were aged in barrels for 10 months before assemblage. Post-blending, the wine was aged for another 14 months in barrels prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Tephra Ridge Old Soldier Road blend shows dark characteristics of dried fruit, black cherry, cocoa and violets. This full-bodied wine has richness and intensity coupled with fine tannins and a long lingering finish.



#### VARIETALS:

83% Petit Verdot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot,  
 3% Malbec

#### APPELLATION:

Lake County, California

#### VINEYARD:

Tephra Ridge Vineyard

#### ALCOHOL %:

14.5 %

#### AGING:

24 months barrel aged, 30% new French oak

#### T/A:

6.4 g/l

#### pH:

3.82