## RUSSELL # JOYCE

## SYRAH 2021

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

APPELLATION	Santa Lucia Highlands		
VINEYARD	Tondre Grapefield		
BRIX	23.2	PH	3 .64
ALCOHOL	13.5 %		
PRODUCTION	300 cases (12x750ML)		
UPC	8 9562700206 9		



Tondré Grapefield, located at the center of Santa Lucia Highlands is a SIP Certified vineyard impeccably farmed by Joe Alarid, a veteran grape and produce farmer in the Salinas Valley. Only 4 acres of this vineyard site are plated with Syrah; which we have been sourcing since 2013. Because this Syrah grows in a relatively cool region, it is able to produce intense fruit full of bright blue fruit flavors. The strong marine influence, combined with well-drained gravelly loam soils of Chular, delivers fruit that showcases more of a soft expression rather than overly bold and robust flavors.

## WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested
- 60% whole-cluster
- Fermented with native yeasts at cool temperatures in a small open-top temperature controlled tank
- Aged on lees 10 months, in 100% neutral French oak
- Racked to tank and allowed to settle for one month prior ro bottling unfined and unfiltered

AROMA

chocolate covered cherry, cooked cranberry, baking vanilla, violet

PALATE

fresh raspberry, fresh blackberry, black tea, dried pine needle

