

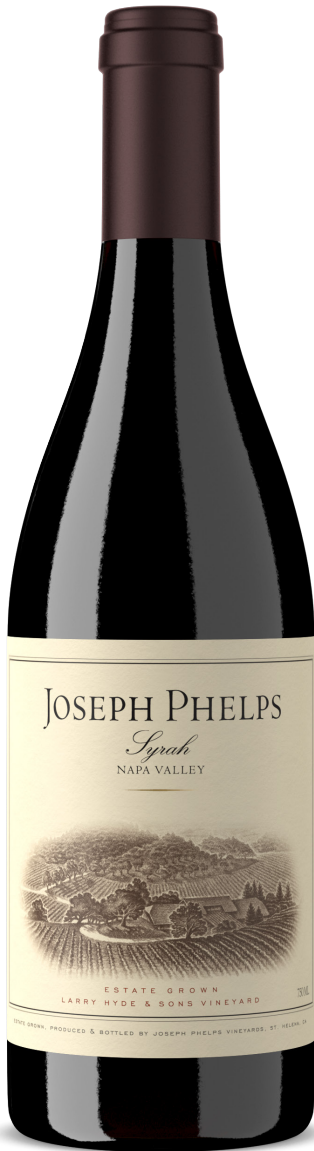
# JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

*Syrah*

LARRY HYDE & SONS VINEYARD

## 2021 Vintage



**TASTING NOTES** The 2021 Syrah is plentiful with ripe blackberries, plum, and mulberry, complemented by savory aromas including allspice, kalamata olive, teriyaki, and a touch of black pepper. Hints of dried herbs, violets, and a subtle earthy undertone add complexity. The wine shows a strong, velvety texture on the palate which remains consistent throughout. Rich, spicy layers of juicy red and black fruit meld with black pepper, sweet oak, and a tangy umami character on the tongue and accompanies a bold finish.

**GROWING SEASON** In 2021, the overall weather pattern was cooler than 2020 with bud break later than the five-year average and bloom earlier than average. Summer brought more wind than we normally experience in Napa Valley creating a more mild overall season into fall that provided a long hang time prior to harvest. The 2021 vintage is marked by high quality fruit with exceptional color and tannin. The concentration, low yields, and small berries were reminiscent of the 2015 vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

95% Syrah  
5% Viognier

95% Larry Hyde & Sons – Carneros AVA  
5% Home Ranch – St. Helena AVA

#### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for seventeen months in 32% new French oak puncheons and 68% in two- to four-year-old French oak puncheons and barrels.