

## 2021 Attente Red Wine

### Production Insights

#### **Who We Are**

Alma Rosa is deeply rooted in the winemaking history of the Santa Rosa Hills in the southern sector of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Here, growing conditions combine sunshine with the powerful cooling influence of onshore winds and fog from the Pacific Ocean. The unique geography, chilly climate, and clay-loam soils attracted Richard Sanford to this area in the early 70s where he pioneered Pinot Noir in Santa Barbara County. Growing consistently balanced wines through sustainable farming is part of the enduring legacy of our founder Richard Sanford.

#### **Vineyard**

- 100% El Jabali Vineyard (52% Grenache, 48% Syrah)
- Clones 877, Tablas and 362

#### **Vintage Notes**

2021 was a near-perfect vintage in the Sta. Rita Hills. Mild and steady weather throughout the spring and summer allowed grapes to develop slowly, with small berries and clusters. With only one pre-season rainfall, daily marine breezes off the Pacific Ocean just 10 miles away, and no extreme weather events, conditions were ideal for producing fruit of incredible quality, concentration and character.

#### **Winemaking**

- 30% whole-cluster fermented
- Cold soak for 5 days, following the 16 days of fermentation
- 3 punch-downs/pump-overs per day
- 100% closed-top stainless steel tanks
- Free-run juice was transferred directly to 60% new French oak barrels and allowed to go through natural malolactic fermentation; this wine included puncheon aging
- Wine was racked once in May and was aged in barrels until mid-December, for a total of 14 months in 60% new French oak
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered

#### **Tasting Notes**

Alma Rosa's estate vineyard, El Jabali, was originally planted in 1983 by Richard Sanford. 2021 marks the second year producing Syrah and Grenache from the highest-elevation blocks of our estate vineyard. This exceptional blend of nearly equal parts Grenache and Syrah presents a deep ruby color with a hint of purple in the glass. Its aromatic profile harmoniously combines wildflowers, violets, blackberry, black currant, mint and a touch of pepper. On the palate, dark red fruit, sage and firm tannins intermingle, leading to a beautifully extended finish that is sure to leave a long-lasting impression.

