



## 2021 GRENACHE/SYRAH 'IL DUE' – *Estate Grown, Edna Valley*

'Il Due' means 'the two' and references Grenache and Syrah -the classic Rhône valley varieties which appear together in this cuvée.

In 2016 we acquired a neighboring property directly adjacent to and upslope from our original Center of Effort Estate. It is a continuation of the lean, sandy soils of our main property, with a thriving orchard of avocado and citrus living frost-free at the top of the slope. This signaled that it was a great area to test the limits of our Edna Valley climate. We knew that in order to reliably succeed with these late ripening varieties, it was mandatory to have just the right combination of aspect and low-vigor soils, and to commit to just the right sustainable agricultural practices. Our first release of IL DUE, from the 2019 vintage received immediate praise from our Insider Members as well as the wine media, and was a great confirmation of our instinct to work with these varieties.

### SIP SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE – VINEYARD & WINERY

- 75% Grenache Noir / 25% Syrah Noir
- Estate Grown, hand harvest at night
- 100% Native-yeast fermentation
- Small-lot fermentation with hand punchdowns
- Aged 19 months in concrete vessels and French oak barrels

**pH:** 3.4

**TA:** 6.4 g/l

**Alc:** 14.6%

**Cases:** 484 cases  
(6x750ml)

Deep purple-red in color. Dark aromatic tones of licorice, graphite and boysenberry. The palate feel is full and ripe with cassis, luxardo cherry and cocoa dust. Fine-grained oak tannins provide an anchoring presence and lend a roasted savory note to the long finish.

Poured at cool cellar temperature, this wine will shift through a range of aromas as it warms in the glass. Pair with braised meats or a warm bitter-greens salad.

