

Our Rugged Elements series are limited production wines that reflect the diversity and richness of the very best vineyards in the north coast. Influenced by the elements that define the terroir- from the river to the soil and trees, to the dense fog and ocean, each wine is a unique expression of the single vineyard it was sourced from.

**FROM THE WINEMAKER**

Heavy winter and spring rains recharged the soil after years of drought and a moderate summer made for a steady growing season. In spite of ample rain, the well-drained soils of Cross Springs Ranch led to a September pick for a variety that typically doesn't reach ripeness until mid-October. After 13 days on the skins the wine was drained and pressed then sent to barrel. The wine was matured two years in barrel and 10 barrels chosen for this blend.

**TASTING NOTES**

Our Rugged Elements Cross Springs Ranch Petit Verdot is visibly dense in the glass with aromas of black cherry, chocolate, tarragon, and a hint of grilled citrus. The palate is dominated by dried blueberry, grainy tannin, with a hint of blackcurrant.

**THE VINEYARD**

Cross Springs Ranch is perched on a hilltop overlooking Long Valley in Lake County at around 1,500 feet elevation. Typical of the area the soil is red, iron-rich, but nutrient-poor volcanic soil in which the vines struggle. Typically a late-ripening variety, this vineyard's Petit Verdot finds a balance in this climate and soil and is at its peak mid-harvest. This struggle ultimately yields a wine with a density that never disappoints.

**WINEMAKING DETAILS**

- Harvest Date:** September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Aging:** Barrel aged 24 months in 30% new oak barrels
- Acidity/pH:** 6.1 g/L, pH = 3.82
- Alcohol:** 14.1%
- Production:** 157 cases
- Bottled:** December 2021

Lake County



**VINEYARD DETAILS**

- Region:** Lake County
- Latitude:** 39° 02' 40" N
- Longitude:** 122° 35' 18" W
- Altitude:** 2400 ft.
- Rootstock:** 3309 C
- Clone:** 2
- Soil:** Konocti series soil, cobbly at surface, very stony sandy clay loam underneath, well drained

