

The End of Nowhere

2021 Stroke of Luck

The Vineyard

Shake Ridge Ranch is an incredible place. Farmed by renowned viticulturist Ann Kraemer, the vineyard is a secret garden of sorts that cascades over small hillsides in the foothills at about 2,000 feet of elevation. Across a checkerboard of highly mineral soils, 13 grape varieties thrive. Our Primitivo comes from the N Block which lies on the Western edge of the vineyard, and is dominated by black slate soil. Fast, dramatic diurnal temperature shifts give the grapes here a long ripening period - this is always one of the last sites we pick - yet they retain an impeccable balance between fresh acidity and ripe fruit notes. Stroke of Luck was one of the first wines we ever made, and we feel extremely grateful to be able to work with Ann and her incredible team.

Tasting Note

Our signature Primitivo from Shake Ridge Ranch is silken and nuanced, capturing everything we love about this high-elevation mountain site. Bright ruby in color, the first wave of aromas blends wild strawberry and blackberry with a mix of fresh herbs including wild thyme, lavender, and juniper. With time, hints of black currant and wild berries emerge along with notes of violets and fresh wildflowers. On the palate, this '21 is silken and lets fruit flavors dominate before a soft finish that blends fine tannins with wild herbs and lingering hints of spice.

Fast Facts

Grape Variety: 100% Primitivo

Appellation: Amador County

Farming method: organic

Aging: 11 months in neutral French oak puncheons (500L)

ABV: 14.6%

Winemaking: 30% whole-cluster fermentation. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

