CRAGGY RANGE

Sophia

The artistry lies in the blending process, which allows for adjustments to be made based on the year's requirements. In 2021, the early attainment of sugar ripeness resulted in Cabernet Franc surpassing Cabernet Sauvignon, leading us to prefer a higher proportion of Cabernet Franc in the blend instead of including Cabernet Sauvignon. Although the structure remains essential, our focus this year is on highlighting lifted red fruits and a core of blue fruits, which were most pronounced in the absence of Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2021 vintage is particularly expressive, undoubtedly due to the warmer and drier weather, and I believe that flavor concentration is the defining characteristic of this year's Sophia, which is sure to delight our devoted collectors. -JG

TASTING NOTE:

Deep, garnet red. The 2021 Sophia has an openness rarely seen in this wine owing to a perfect summer of heat and dry days. Subtle notes of wild thyme and sage seamlessly blend with plum, fruit cake and brioche. The mid-palate suppleness and sweetness are already so enticing and sure to appeal to loyal followers of this wine. A delicious release.

VARIETY	77% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc
BRIX	24.2 average
PRODUCTION LEVEL	35 hl/ha average
HAND HARVESTED	100%
WHOLE BUNCH	0%
DESTEMMED	100%
FERMENTATION VESSEL	Closed top French oak cuves
FERMENTATION	Inoculated
BARREL TYPE	French oak barriques
NEW BARREL %	33%
MATURATION	17 months
FINING	Yes
FILTRATION	Yes - Coarse
BOTTLED	December 2022
ALCOHOL	14
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Nil
PH	3.65
ACIDITY	5.6 g/l

