



**2021**  
**LaMancha**  
**Estate - El Dorado**

**Harvest**

56.0% Petite Sirah  
44.0% Nebbiolo  
Harvest Date: 18 Sept. 2021  
Sugar: 25.0 degrees brix  
Titratable acidity: 0.68 gm/100ml  
pH: 3.75

**Wine**

Alcohol: 14.3 %  
pH: 3.82  
Titratable acidity: 0.65gm/100ml  
Malolactic fermentation: 100%  
Barrel aging: 9 months in 100%  
two year old American oak  
Bottling Date: 18 August 2022  
Production: 130 cases

**WINEMAKING NOTES**

The 2021 vintage was a dramatic bounce back in production from the light crop of 2020. The harvest would be the largest ever at WAV. The drought conditions continued but the vines had an almost a perfect ripening season. The main issue was the Caldor Fire nearby, just prior to harvest. "GRE" yeast, originally selected from the Cornas area of the Rhone Valley, was utilized and the fruit was fermented in small ½ ton lots. Aging in two year old American oak barrels adds to the depth and structure of the wine.

**TASTING NOTES**

Deep magenta hues in color lead to intense blackberry and ripe cherry aromas. Flavors of berries with a hint of chocolate expand the mid pallet. Firm tannins extend the slightly smoky finish.

A big wine, with loads of fruit, the LaMancha goes well with many foods and is great for barbeque.

Paul