

2021

DIVISION-VILLAGES "BÉTON"

The heart of this wine will always hail from the experiences we felt from the wines of the Loire.

BOX SCORE	
VARIETY	CABERNET FRANC 39% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 20% CÔT 20% GAMAY 11% PINOT NOIR 10%
ALC	13%
PH	3.72
APPELLATION	AMERICAN RED WINE (OR+WA)
PRODUCTION	1,015 CASES
AGEING	CEMENT, STAINLESS STEEL, AND NEUTRAL OAK BARRELS. FINAL ASSEMBLAGE IN CEMENT.



VINTAGE RECAP

The 2021 vintage in the Northwest was pretty typical except for one glaring gigantic difference.

In late June, we experienced an unprecedented heat dome that brought temperatures up to 120+ degrees for 2 days with lower 100s on the shoulders. Our young vines behaved with surprising resilience, but the heat evaporated a lot of moisture from the soils early in the season. We lost some baby vines and anxiously watched the rest of the season, wondering how our dry farmed sites would handle the drought conditions. Thankfully, just the right amount of early season rain came in early September and the weather was pleasant the rest of the harvest.

WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

The Béton blend features several grape varieties and fermentation techniques that all come together once blended after 5–6 months of aging. The heart of this wine is the Loire clone Cabernet Franc fermented with natural yeasts both individually and co-fermented with Côt (Malbec). A recent find of a higher elevation red fruit toned Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard has brought a new dimension to this wine, which has been rounded out by Gamay and Pinot noir since inception. These represent most of the red grapes that come from the Touraine region and the basis for our ode to the lovely wines of the Loire Valley.

TASTING NOTES

Mineral driven and anchored in classic Cab Franc tones. The wine is showing anise, raspberry and black tea leaf notes we tend to coax each vintage. The palate is fresh and mineral rich, like a wet dark rock, with intense raspberry character.