



My ode to Côte du Rhône. The goal is to produce wine that comes across like a fantastic Côte du Rhône. I want complexity and intensity like all my other wines, but be more approachable.

As a lover of all things Rhône, I decided to make a Southern Côte du Rhône-style wine, but to include Zinfandel in the blend. I wanted it to be a great introduction to my Rhône-centric winemaking style. I also wanted it to be delicious and yes, MAGICAL! The name Smoke & Mirrors comes from my love of anything that is magic.

A deep black cherry color that is followed by exotic aromatics of ripe black fruits, raspberry, strawberry with a touch of wild Herbs de Provence and black olive. The palate is very full and layered and extremely decadent. Black and red fruits are intermingled with a mineral, savory, and sultry mouthfeel that makes this wine just fun to drink!

40% Whole cluster fermentation, aged for 12 months in all neutral French oak 350 to 600 liter barrels, a 600 gallon Foudre and a 600 gallon concrete tank. Drink Now - 2032.

2021 Smoke & Mirrors

Sonoma County AVA

54% Syrah, 38% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah

14.9% Alc

Wine Spectator

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WS - "A zesty version, with bold fruit, this generous red offers black cherry, espresso and smoky spice flavors that zip along toward lively tannins"

JS- "So generous, dark and delicious, with soft tannins and a broad, rich texture. It's a California take on a Cotes du Rhone. Dark cherries, blackberries, black figs and hints of flinty reduction and stony minerality."