

# MAHA



*"The 2021 Backlit is an effortlessly balanced, expressive blend of 50% Syrah, 17% Mourvèdre, 17% Grenache and 16% Carignan. Matured for 20 months in 33% new French oak, its oak spice is already well integrated into a core of cassis fruit on the nose, and it offers continually blossoming accents of iron, prosciutto, milk chocolate and thyme. The full-bodied palate is concentrated yet not over the top in terms of ripeness. It has a support of chalky tannins, energetic acidity and a very long finish laced with pure violet tones. It will be long lived in the cellar."*

**96+ pts - Wine Advocate**

*"A more Syrah-dominated effort, the 2021 Backlit is a blend of 50% Syrah and the rest nearly equal parts Mourvèdre, Grenache, and Carignan. Ripe darker berries, peppery herbs, violets, and exotic floral notes all define this beauty, and it's medium to full-bodied on the palate, with a layered, concentrated mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish."*

**95 pts - Jeb Dunnuck**

## Backlit, 2021

**Blend:** 50% Syrah, 17% Mourvèdre, 17% Carignan, 16% Grenache

**Certifications:** Demeter Biodynamic Wine. Demeter Biodynamic and CCOF Organic Grapes.

**Appellation:** Adelaida District, Paso Robles

**Harvest:** September 17th - October 3rd, 2021

**Vinification:** Native yeast fermented with 20% whole clusters in concrete and stainless steel with a variety of pump overs and punch downs depending on desired extraction for 20 to 36 days. Basket pressed into a selection of French barriques and puncheons (15% new) then aged for 20 months.

**Nose:** Crushed blueberry and huckleberry tart, local Sages and Chaparral after a rain, complicated with notes of Iodine orange pekoe tea. Images of dark clouds in a blue sky after a rainstorm.

**Palate:** Evocative. Bass notes of black fruits, vanilla bean and wet asphalt. Full and seamless in texture & length. A wine for thought and reflection.

**ABV:** 15.1%

**Bottled:** 8.08.23