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2021 "Yountville" Dolcetto

Production: 193 cases

Composition: 89% Dolcetto, 7% Muscat Canelli and 4% Albarino

Vineyards: Villagio, Watson, Beau Terroir

Appellation: Yountville **Elevation:** Valley Floor

Cooperage: 12 months in neutral French oak

Alcohol: 13.3% TA:6.7 g/L pH: 3.49 Bottling date: August 23, 2022 Release date: September 2023

Release price: \$46.00

Dolcetto is known in Peidmont Italy for being a bright and clean red with lower alcohol and for having a food friendly palate. In most years, the Villagio Vineyard in Yountville has produced a heavier red, not typical of the variety, but starting in 2018, we have continued in the direction of lower alcohol and balanced acidity that Doug Hill has come to value as a good companion to vegetarian cooking. We thought our club members would enjoy learning about this variety, and though we only produce a small amount, we hope to keep this brighter character and learn more about Dolcetto and its potential in the future.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2021 Dolcetto has an intriguing nose of strawberry, red cherry and a layer of toasted almond cookie and vanilla. The palate is joyful and refreshing, with delightful plum and chocolate graham cracker flavors. This wine is easy to drink, with a low alcohol, and it is easy to see why this is such a popular wine in Italy, and a cult favorite in California.