



# JEB DUNNUCK

**“2021 is an undeniably great vintage throughout the Central Coast that will be loved by those who prioritize finesse and elegance.”**

## ESTATE CUVÉE 2021

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **100**

Pure perfection from this talented team, the 2021 Estate Cuvée checks in as 50% Syrah, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Petit Verdot that was raised in 80% new French oak. Absolutely incredible aromatics of creme de cassis, blueberries, violets, ground pepper, and graphite give way to a full-bodied red with a seamless, elegant mouthfeel, ultra-fine tannins, a deep, layered mid-palate, and that rare mix of power and elegance that's so hard to come by. It shows the pure, layered, elegant style of the vintage, and this beauty offers pleasure today yet will ideally be given 3-4 years in the cellar, and it will evolve for two decades at a minimum.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **98+**

A wine that's only made in top vintages, the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve comes from a single block in the estate vineyard (Block 5) and was raised in 80% new French oak. It just screams Cabernet Sauvignon with its pure cassis, lead pencil, violets, chalky mineral, and graphite-like aromas and flavors. This big, rich, full-bodied beauty has remarkable purity, building yet polished tannins, and flawless overall balance. You can safely put this beauty up with any world-class Cabernet Sauvignon out there and it will do just fine. Give it a few years.

## CHLOÉ 2021 (RELEASING SPRING 2024)

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **98**

One of the gems in the lineup in 2021 is the borderline perfect 2021 Chloe, a blend of 64% Syrah, 23% Grenache, 8% Grenache Blanc, and 5% Graciano. Sporting a deep purple hue as well as incredible aromatics of black and blue fruits, ground pepper, charred meat, and graphite, it has a remarkable sense of minerality, is full-bodied and flawlessly balanced, and has a blockbuster of a finish. It shows the tighter, more inward style of the vintage and warrants 2-4 years of bottle age, but this is pure Paso Robles magic that will have two decades of longevity.

## FOR HER 2021 (RELEASING SPRING 2024)

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **98**

The 2021 For Her is cut from the same cloth as the Cuvée Chloe quality-wise and reveals a dense purple hue as well as a gorgeous perfume of pure black and blue fruits, spring flowers, orange blossom, and candied violets. This wonderfully perfumed, full-bodied red blend has ripe tannins, a deep, layered mid-palate, and outstanding length on the finish. It's another incredible 2021 that's up with the crème de la crème of the vintage. The blend is 50% Syrah, 30% Graciano, and 11% Viognier that spent 14 months in 45% new French oak, with a full 40% in amphora.

## INSPIRACIÓN 2021

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **98**

The Spanish-inspired 2021 Inspiración is mostly Grenache but includes 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah, and 6% Grenache Blanc, all of which spent 14 months in 29% new French oak. It might be one of the finest vintages of this cuvée I've tasted and has a gorgeous bouquet of red and black fruits, spicy oak, sandalwood, and peppery herbs that changes every time you come back to the glass. With medium to full-bodied richness, it has a stacked mid-palate, ripe tannins, and a great finish. I love it. This insanely good wine will keep for a solid 15+ years.

## CÔTE A CÔTE 2021

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **97**

The 2021 Côte à Côte checks in as nearly equal thirds of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. It's a killer bottle of wine revealing full-bodied richness, an expansive, layered mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a complex bouquet of blackberries, savory herbs, peppered meats, and hints of violets. This concentrated, powerful wine stays just about weightless, has ultra-fine tannins, and a great finish. The élevage here was 14 months in 30% new French oak, with 16% in amphora and 18% in concrete, and the balance in once-used barrels.

## LES DEMOISELLES 2021

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **95+**

Bloody black and blue fruits, iron, ground black pepper, and assorted meaty notes all emerge from the 2021 Les Demoiselles, a blend of 80% Mourvèdre and 20% Syrah. Aged 14 months in 28% new French oak, it has remarkable purity, full-bodied richness, and a tight, inward style that's going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age. It's a gorgeous wine that really shows gamey, wild side of the variety.

## ESTATE OPTIMUS 2021

TASTING DATE 8/31/2023 RATING **93+**

Moving to the 2021s from bottle and starting with the 2021 Optimus (55% Syrah, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 18% Petit Verdot), it sports a deeper plum/purple hue as well as rocking notes of blackberries, peppery herbs, candied violets, and subtle meaty, savory nuances. It's medium to full-bodied and has a round, layered, silky texture and outstanding length. It's going to shine for 5-7 years, if not longer.