

# 2021 OBSIDIAN

## triple junction

VOLCANIC RED WINE



**UNITING WEST COAST VOLCANICS** Over twenty years ago, we planted a vineyard on an old, abandoned walnut orchard 2,640 feet high in the Mayacamas Range of California. We soon discovered that we were farming on a volcano, on a ridge of solid black obsidian glass. The extreme climate, altitude, and volcanics result in a cabernet sauvignon like no other.

Over the last two decades, we have sought out the people and wines of volcanic vineyards around the globe. Recently our travels focused closer to home, to the chain of volcanoes stretching northward from California through Oregon and into Washington, all formed by collision of three tectonic plates offshore--the Triple Junction. We found an exciting community of collaborators, and distant sites that had more in common with each other than with neighboring valley vineyards. An idea was born to bring together these sites in a wine that unites West Coast Volcanics.

For the 2021 vintage, we sourced Syrah and Malbec from the exposed fractured basaltic soils of Red Mountain in Washington, and Tempranillo from from steep slopes of volcanic ash in Echo, Oregon.

**HUNGARIAN BARRELS** Obsidian wines are aged 16 months in one and two-year-old Hungarian oak barrels. Our source forest in Tokaj is planted to the same oak species used in France, Quercus Petraea, however the trees grow more slowly due to the volcanic soils, resulting in 30% higher density of the wood. These super-tight-grain barrels are low in vanillin and relatively high in eugenol, which tends to emphasize herbal and spice components, and are toasted slowly at low temperatures to avoid imparting overt toasty notes. For Triple Junction, we use exclusively Kádár Tokaj barrels from our own cooperage.

**TASTING NOTES** Triple Junction unites the distinct characters of each region with a thread of volcanic minerality, freshness and structure that runs through the wines from all three sources. Cabernet Sauvignon from our own Estate Vineyard in California forms the structure and core of the blend. Syrah and Malbec from Washington's Red Mountain AVA fill the blend with dense, rich, round fruit flavors while Tempranillo from Echo West Ranch in Oregon weaves in spice and savory character. Together, they form a cohesive story of high, dry slopes, and the intensity, structure and acidity born from vines grown on the side of a volcano.

**AVA**  
50% California  
32% Washington  
18% Oregon

**BLEND**  
45% Cabernet Sauvignon  
18% Tempranillo  
17% Syrah  
15% Malbec  
5% Petite Sirah

**ALCOHOL** 14.7%  
**PH** 3.77  
**TA** 5.77 g/L

