

ABBOT'S AP PASSAGE

Abbot's Passage, a project from 6th generation vintner Katie Bundschu, is a unique collection of small-lot, co-fermented field blends sourced from singular vineyards within Northern California. Each wine expresses a distinctive dirt and climate story to highlight the depth of the region.

2021 TRAVERSE ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD, MENDOCINO COUNTY



THE NAME

"The Traverse" pays homage to the historic Abbot (of Abbot's Passage) who traversed the ancient footpath that connects the town of Sonoma to Napa, specifically to a historic church nestled into the Mayacamas mountains that was built in 1930. Legend has it that the priests or "Abbots" who lived there would make the weekly trek from the Church to the town of Sonoma to their favorite bar, now home to the Swiss hotel.

BLEND

35% Merlot, 34% Malbec, 23% Cabernet Franc, 8% Tannat

VINEYARD DESIGNATION

Alder Springs Vineyard, Mendocino County

WINE NOTES

With notes of plum, pluot and sage, this fresh and highly aromatic wine would pair well with butternut squash ravioli. The exceptionally high elevation (~2,000 feet) and cool climate of the Alder Springs vineyard allows for longer hang time which gives the wine a signature bright acidity. For this blend, we took a traditional left bank Bordeaux blend and added Rhone variety, Tannat, to add structure and color, and is a nod to how we do things differently around here. Aged for 14 months, 50% once and twice used barrels and 50% concrete, which is a happy medium between oak and stainless: it maintains a constant temperature without imparting flavor, and preserves aromas and flavors in the wine thanks to micro-oxygenation of the concrete material.

ALCOHOL

13.8%

PRODUCTION

271 cases produced

