2021 Choral Blend V6
Lodi Appellation

"*Everything can't be Jeremy*" While you won't see many products with Choral's name on them, everywhere in our tasting rooms and spaces you'll see her touch and style - this is the one wine that Choral applies that same sense of balance and style. 2021 was a challenging vintage early on with big heat waves but as it went along the later ripening varietals did very well and developed into some very beautiful and balanced wines. Barbara brings in a layer of tannins, acid and aromatic depth while the Zinfandel and Merlot components round out the texture of the wine and contribute additional depth. One of the prettiest vintages we've crafted and "Choral approved".

On the nose, bold aromas of dark cherry and berry blend with hints of floral notes and dried fruits. Flavors of jammy blackberry and sweet spice come alive with the bright acidity and medium tannins, providing a smooth finish.

Wine Information

Production:	220 cases		
Barrel Aging:	25 months in French & American Oak		
Harvest Brix:	25-26°	PH:	3.7
Alcohol:	15.1%	TA:	6 g/l
Release Date:	4/25/24	R.S.:	2.2 g/l
Blend:	45% Barbera, 33% Zinfandel, 22% Merlot		

Estimated Cellaring Potential, Years:

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2021 Budbreak Blend V5
Lodi Appellation

Our fourth vintage of the Budbreak Blend is here! This Bordeaux-styled blend is a tribute to a vineyard's first buds breaking through each spring.

I'm always blown away by the impact of subtle changes when we're working on blends in the cellar. Just a minor shift in the blend utilizing a percent here or there completely changes the profile of the wine.

In 2021 we brought Cabernet Franc into the blend and it's become one of my favorites. The texture of the wine is still very velvety but the aromatics just deepened considerably.

Rich aromas of dark cherry, plum, and baking spice are complimented by hints of dried fig and a slight herbaceous quality. On the palate, well rounded tannins balance with flavors of vanilla and blackberry leading to a smooth velvety finish.

Wine Information

Production:	246 cases		
Barrel Aging:	25 months average in American and French Oak		
Harvest Brix:	23-25°	PH:	3.79
Alcohol:	15.2%	TA:	5.6 g/l
Release Date:	4/25/25	R.S.:	1.5 g/l
Blend:	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 20% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc		

Estimated Cellaring Potential, Years:

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2021 Winemakers Blend V7
Lodi Appellation

When the winemaking team and I begin working on the Winemakers Blend we have a profile in mind. We're looking to create a wine that delivers a big depth of texture along with layered aromatics. Our 2021 vintage really delivers. Pulling in Zinfandel from a blend of our old vineyards we're bringing in a robust base of soft tannins and bright fruit. With that we blend in Cabernet Sauvignon from punchy cherry notes and firming tannins. The Petite Sirah broadens the mid palate and deepens color. Finally Tempranillo knits the whole blend together and delivers some broad, velvety tannins. One of this winemakers favorite vintage releases.

Rich aromas of of blackberry and fig jam pairs well with notes of cocoa. Balanced tannins on the palate with flavors of dark chocolate covered cherry and baking spice finish with hints of vanilla.

Wine Information

Production:	194 cases		
Barrel Aging:	25 month average in American and French Oak		
Harvest Brix:	25-27°	PH:	3.79
Alcohol:	15.4%	TA:	6.3 g/l
Release Date:	4/25/24	R.S.:	2.5 g/l
Blend:	43% Zinfandel, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon 14% Petite Sirah, 14% Tempranillo,		

Estimated Cellaring Potential, Years:

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2021 Teroldego
Kost Vineyard+ Lodi Appellation

I first persued Teroldego back in 2010 as a blending component to our first release of The Choral Blend, I quickly found that while integrating it into blends, even in small percentages Teroldego tended to dominate the aromatic profile of the given wine. Over the years I made it in tiny quantities here are there mostly blending it away into other wines. in 2021 I was chatting with Larry Kost about some Cabernet Sauvignon from his beautiful vineyard and he reminded me that he also was growing Teroldego. Larry is a meticulous farmer and his field is immaculate, so we brought Teroldego back into the fold. With some extended barrel aging the bold wine softened into a super velvety, luscious wine that we've all been really excited to release.

Prominent aromas of dark berry compote and sweet dried fruits with hints of spice. Full bodied on the palate, showcasing flavors of ripe blackberry and plum. The firm tannins and balanced acidity adds freshness, finishing with black pepper and harvest spice.

Wine Information

Production:	221 cases		
Barrel Aging:	21 months in Amercian and French Oak		
Harvest Brix:	25°	PH:	3.7
Alcohol:	15.8%	TA:	6.5 g/l
Release Date:	4/25/24	R.S.:	2 g/l
Blend:	100% Teroldego		

Estimated Cellaring Potential, Years:

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2021 TEROLDEGO
KOST VINEYARD • LODI APPELLATION

Larry Kost planted his Vineyard back in 2014 or so and did almost all of the work himself crafting a beautiful site. The vineyard sits in the red soils of the Jahant Sub-Ava (Viticultural area). This is a regional breakdown of the Lodi Appellation of which there are 7. The soils in this area are really good for growing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and have shown to do very well with other varietals as well as shown with this Teroldego. The varietal can have a tendency to be a very vigorous grower with some of the largest grape leaves that I've seen in vineyards. The red clay soil of the Jahant ava restrains the vines, keeping their canopy and fruit production at a reasonable rate. The rest of the management falls to Larry. Mid summer you'll find him driving the rows checking out each vine and running the tractor through the vineyard late in the evening to make sure everything is up to snuff.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

GROWER:	Kost Vineyard
ACRES:	20 acre
APPELLATION:	Lodi - Jahant
ELEVATION:	200 ft
AVERAGE HARVEST DATE:	Mid October
VARIETALS:	Teroldego Cabernet Sauvignon

2021 WINEMAKERS BLEND V7
LODI & AMADOR APPELLATIONS

Blends are always fun to create and this 7th release of our Winemakers Blend is no exception. We blended wine from four various vineyards, each of them bringing so much that it almost over delivers!

The Zinfandel and Petite Sirah are grown in the Lodi AVA, in soil that is more sandy and loamy. Drainage is easier so the roots grow deeply to absorb water. These growing conditions allow for plush, bright harvests.

The Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the sub-appellation of Lodi, in the Clements Hills. There, the vineyard is based in a more-clay based soil, with a lot of cobblestones from the riverbed. The vines have a more challenging time with shallow roots, but the results are big, bright fruit.

Our Tempranillo always comes from the Spencer vineyard in Amador County. It sits in the valley, about 5 miles North from Lake Camanche. Soft soil allows for lush Tempranillo vines and vibrant, rich wine.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

GROWER:	Estate, Clements Hills, Spencer, & Noma
ACRES:	6 to 43 acres
APPELLATION:	Lodi & Amador
ELEVATION:	17 to 200 ft
AVERAGE HARVEST DATE:	Mid-September to mid-October
VARIETALS:	Zinfandel, Tempranillo, Petite Sirah, & Cabernet Sauvignon

2021 BUDBREAK BLEND V5
LODI APPELLATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon from the Clements Hills AVA is the backbone of this blend, bringing tannic structure, dark fruit, and complex perfumey aromas.

The Cabernet Franc is farmed at the corner of HWY 88 & Victor rd, just on the way out to the winery. This older vineyard is naturally restrained and a perfect mix of herbatiousness and fruit.

Velvety tannins and juiciness is brought forth from the Merlot from the Smith vineyard in Lodi. This vineyard always performs and is great to release on its own or blend in.

To add a youthfulness to the extensive oak aged complexity and emphasize the concentration of big dark fruit, we added just a touch of Pirie vineyard Malbec located just up the road in the very hilly Borden Ranch AVA.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

GROWER:	Clements Hills, Smith, Pirie, & Harris
ACRES:	6 to 40 acres
APPELLATION:	Lodi
ELEVATION:	17 to 200 ft
AVERAGE HARVEST DATE:	Early September to late-October
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, & Malbec

2021 CHORAL BLEND V6
LODI APPELLATION

The Noma Barbera was our first varietal that we worked with 12 years ago. It is one of our foundational wines and definitely a fan favorite. Located in the Southeast side of Lodi, this vineyard is in the heart of the Lodi AVA. Soft loamy soil oil lends to high yielding vines and never disappoints in flavor.

Our previous Estate vineyard nested on the edge of the Mokelumne River just a few miles from our winery provides the majority of the Zinfandel with small amounts of our other Old Vine Zinfandel Vineyards brought in to round out the blend

The Smith vineyard has been our Merlot go-to for the past (decade!). Lynn and Argie just take such pride in farming the grapes and it always shows in the wine. Their Merlot vineyard is about 20 acres with one small 1acre segment separated by a farm house. We pull exclusively from this small block.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

GROWER:	Noma, Smith & Estate
ACRES:	10 to 27 acres
APPELLATION:	Lodi
ELEVATION:	17 ft
AVERAGE HARVEST DATE:	Early September to mid-October
VARIETALS:	Barbera, Merlot, & Zinfandel