

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley

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WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We scour Napa Valley for the best sites to grow Cabernet every year. We utilize a diverse selection of appellations and elevations to craft a wine that is classic, balanced and complex. The aromas are indicative of black cherry, blueberry, dark chocolate and cedar. The palate is rich and round with flavors of blackberry compote, espresso, nutmeg, and black pepper. The tannins are well structured and integrated, making it enjoyable now or capable of cellaring well for decades.

GROWING SEASON NOTES

Vintage 2021 is a story of small but mighty. Drought conditions were prevalent in winter and spring. Temperatures were moderate during spring but began to warm significantly during summer. Flowering led to lighter than usual fruit set with low vine vigor. Warm conditions during ripening led to beautiful fruit flavors and intense color. Harvest started in mid-August with Sauvignon Blanc and carried on at a steady pace through September and October with red varieties. While low in volume, the wines are aromatic, lively and well structured and we can't wait to share them with you.

WINE STATISTICS

COMPOSITION 94% Cabernet Sauvignon; 5% Petit Verdot,

1% Merlot

HARVEST DATES Harvest started on 8/17 and ended on

10/13/2021 for all components.

BARREL AGING 19 months in French oak, 47% new

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.65

BOTTLING DATE July 11 - 19, 2023

	VINEYARD	Colline	Atalon	Bosche	Orchard	Castle Rock	Henrickson	Red Hen	Red Barn	Sycamore
A	APPELLATION	Oakville	Napa Valley	Rutherford	Oak Knoll	Mt. Veeder	Mt. Veeder	Mt. Veeder	Rutherford	Rutherford
	ELEVATION	140'	430'	180'	112'	900'-1300'	1300'	120'	165'	200'
	SOIL	Bale Clay	Clay Loam	Bale Clay	Haire Loam	Boomer Complex	Volcanic	Pleasanton	Pleasanton	Bale Clay
	VARIETY	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv	Cab Sauv
C	ONTRIBUTION	27%	21%	12%	8%	8%	8%	7%	5%	2%

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