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V I N E Y A R D S

Insignia

NAPA VALLEY

2021 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2021 Insignia captivates the senses with vibrant aromas of black cherry, hibiscus, and wild blackberry, subtly accented by fresh earth and a hint of Tahitian vanilla. On the palate, these dark fruit characteristics are harmonized with warm tones of redwood bark and baking spices. Plush, soft tannins and bright acidity enhance the length, complementing the rich fruit and savory undertones. A compelling tension infuses the wine with focused energy, promising it will express beautifully for years to come.

GROWING SEASON In 2021, the overall weather pattern was cooler than 2020 with bud break later than the five-year average and bloom earlier than average. Summer brought more wind than we normally experience in Napa Valley creating a more mild overall season into fall that provided a long hang time prior to harvest. The 2021 vintage is marked by high quality fruit with exceptional color and tannin. The concentration, low yields, and small berries were reminiscent of the 2015 vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

93% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc
2% Malbec

28% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
27% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
19% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
11% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
9% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
6% Barboza — Stags Leap AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for twenty-four months in 100% new French oak barrels before bottling.