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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2021 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has classically expressive aromatics of ripe currant, tobacco, leather, pencil shavings and dark chocolate notes. A rich, fleshy wine that is full-bodied, dense and layered with dark plum, blackberry and savory spices. It is a vibrant and alive offering with acid structure and depth for long-term cellar aging.

GROWING SEASON In 2021, the overall weather pattern was cooler than 2020 with budbreak 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

92% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc
1% Merlot
1% Malbec

32% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
23% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
14% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
14% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
12% Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
3% Barboza — Stags Leap AVA
2% El Venedito — Oak Knoll AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for sixteen months in 48% new oak (50% French, 50% American) and 52% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.