



2021 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of blackberry cobbler, plum, and black currant, followed by warm aromatics of fresh tobacco, tamarind, hints of vanilla, and caramelized black fruit. On the palate, this Cabernet is silky and lively, with medium-to-full bodied texture and weight, and flavors of raspberry, black cherry, black plum, and soft red and black stone fruit. Rich tannin, texture, and weight lead to an inviting mouthfeel. The finish is mouthwatering and lengthy with cherry and hints of dark, powdery cocoa, classic in Rutherford-based wines.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

The 2021 vintage was of excellent quality, especially for well-selected sites. With very little rain during winter, the drought had a large impact on vineyards. Canopies and berries were small across all vineyard sites, lending to a concentration of aromas and flavors in the finished wines. The cooler spring delayed shoot growth in some vineyards and growers had to be careful not to over-correct and push vines for more growth later. The mild summer and light crop helped speed up ripening. In addition, the hills did not cool off at night, which expedited ripening ahead of the valley floor in some cases. The harvest started early and ended early and abruptly, with over 10 inches of rain falling shortly after the last grapes were picked in mid-October.

The greatest wines begin in the vineyard. We know our estate fruit intimately and work closely with our growers. Our goal is individual vine balance for perfect ripening of each cluster. At harvest time, any compromised clusters were left on the vine. The fruit was hand-picked and berries were hand-sorted before and after the destemmer. The juice went through a 1-3-day cold-soak to settle the solids before inoculation with a unique French yeast strain. Pump-overs were executed daily to fine-tune and extract the rich color and tannins from the skins. After fermentation, the wine was moved to barrel to initiate malolactic fermentation in French oak and was racked 2-3 times before bottling and extended aging.

GRAPES

The 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon consists of more than 52% Rutherford-grown fruit including the Sequoia Grove Estate, the Tonella Estate Vineyard, and Morisoli Vineyard. Tonella sits on the eastern side of the valley bench lands, which are heavily influenced by its volcanic soils while Sequoia Grove and Morisoli sit on the western bench influenced by alluvial soils.

WINE STATS

Cases produced:	22,908
Alcohol:	14.9%
TA:	6.1 g/L
pH:	3.73
Blend:	81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, 2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation:	Napa Valley AVA with 52% Rutherford and 20% Atlas Peak
Oak:	Aged 18 months in French Oak, 60% new
Bottled:	April 2023