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## *Blend 26*

82% cabernet sauvignon

10% petit verdot

5% malbec

3% cabernet franc

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**2021**

The 2021 Blend 26 is a blend of four Bordeaux style varietals. Hours upon hours of assemblage take place prior to determining the composition of this special wine. Carefully integrated, this is a bold and sumptuous “left bank” Bordeaux style red blend.

### *Winemakers Notes*



The 2021 Blend 26 is anchored by explosive notes of bramble berry, huckleberry and cassis followed by subtle undertones of cigar box. High-toned bright red fruits carry through the mid-palate balanced by baking spices and leather. Hints of dark roasted espresso and cocoa nibs lead to silky integrated tannins that linger.

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## *Vintage Notes*



The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. This years growing season can best be described as a cold start to a warm fast finish. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions. Harvest began early with white wine grapes picked in August and some reds started being picked in September. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The 2021 vintage will be marked with outstanding and intense flavor profiles.

## *Pairing Insights*



An extraordinary culinary partner to Blend 26 is Chef Derek Kuntz's pan-seared strip steak, basted in garlic and thyme, with this big, Left Bank Bordeaux-style blend. Sometimes what you need with a big wine like this, is a nice steak dinner.