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Oakville Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2021

Vineyard Story



Perched at 1000 ft over the Napa Valley floor, Oakville Ranch is the original mountain vineyard of our beloved Oakville viticulture area. The ranch consists of multiple facets, hollows, and aspects, yielding a variety of micro climates within the estate. We pick from a terraced hillside with a northeastern aspect. The softer warmth of the morning sunlight allows for even ripening and long hang time, and the red volcanic soils produce bold, structural tannins. However, it is the deep experience of Phil Coturri's farming that makes all the difference. His steady hand coaxes deep harmonics of flavors and structures that go on and on and on.

Winemaker's Notes



This dark and brooding Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and concentrated. Aromatics of ripe black and blue fruits with dark chocolate and floral undertones. The body is balanced with notes of ripe blackberry, plum, cassis, with hints of pipe tobacco and savory notes of dried mushrooms and black olive. Bold and structural tannins provide an opulent palate.



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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



This bold Cabernet Sauvignon needs a hearty dish to enhance its complex flavor profile. Chef Derick recommends a fattier steak like ribeye or sirloin, served medium-rare. Slow-braised beef or pork can be great too, especially when cooked in red wine.