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Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2021

Every vintage we harvest Cabernet Sauvignon from at least 25 individual blocks from 16 separate vineyard sites. While most of these grapes go into our many single-vineyard or single-appellation Cabernet Sauvignons, we realized that there was an opportunity for us to make a Cabernet Sauvignon which celebrates the Napa Valley.

The Napa Valley is a mosaic of terroirs, with hundreds of different soil types layered underneath the bench lands, alluvial fans, and hillsides and a climate which is nearly perfect for fully and evenly ripening the King of Winegrapes, Cabernet Sauvignon. By working with a selection of Napa's finest Cabernet Sauvignon-growing sites and some of Napa's most renowned farming families, we are able to fill our barrels with a cornucopia of nuanced and layered Cabernet Sauvignon wines. By blending these together we produced this celebration of the Taste of Napa.

Winemaker's Notes



The core of this wine is made from three vineyard sites in Oakville and Rutherford and showcases both terroirs. The nose bursts with blackberry jam compote, graphite, and savory olive tapenade - a true calling card to Oakville. These notes are balanced by brighter red fruit on the palate of raspberry, strawberry jam, and pluot. Lively tannins grip and coat the palate as ripe black fruits mingle with a long dusty finish that lingers.



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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 Cabernet Sauvignon is as versatile as it is delicious when it comes to pairing. A classic American combination of a beef burger or meatloaf is Chef Derick's suggestion to go with the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.