

EMBLEM

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2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON | NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARDS

Emblem Cabernet Sauvignon is an expression of terroir – the unique combination of climate, soil and geography and its impression on the fruit. Showcasing a delicate balance of structure from hillside grapes and suppleness from valley floor vineyards.

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 is a standout vintage, one that will be remembered as a vintage bringing both relief and superb quality. It was with great relief that we welcomed the 2021 vintage after the devastation of the 2020 wildfires. 2021 was an unseasonably dry year, with very little rainfall, a result of the California drought. The lack of rain resulted in lower yields with small-sized, intensely flavored berries. A long, warm, and uneventful summer ended with a heat wave, speeding up the ripening process and leading to an early harvest at the end of August. The year-long consistent weather aided in fruit development, leading to wines of great character.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were exclusively hand-harvested before moving to the winery for hand-sorting, and destemming. During fermentation, the colors, flavors, textures, and aromas are naturally extracted from the skins. At approximately 14 days, the tanks were drained, and skins removed before the fruit gently pressed to capture the remaining juice. The wine was then transferred into small French oak barrels (25-30% new French oak) and aged for 15 months.

BLENDING NOTES

Thoughtfully sculpted, the 2021 Emblem Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is enhanced by two complementary varietals. Petite Sirah adds exotic spices and violet floral notes while Petit Verdot ties the final wine together with additional structure and aromas of primrose and subtle sandalwood.

TASTING NOTES

This is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, with structure and depth. Brilliant ruby red in the glass, with hints of purple at the core. Concentrated, enticing aromas of plum and blackberry. On the palate, the wine is firm and layered, a reflection of the final blend. Deep red fruit flavors of cassis, huckleberry and plum are accented by coffee beans. French oak aging lends to the underlayers of toasty oak and balanced, textured mouthfeel. The vintage shines through as a wine that drinks beautifully upon release or may be cellared for 5-10 years.



GRAPE VARIETIES

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
7.5% Petit Verdot
7.5% Petite Sirah

TA: 5.01g/l

pH: 3.72

ABV: 13.8%

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