



2021 VIP SELECTION 5-BARREL CUVÉE – CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dry Creek Valley

HISTORY

Our VIP Selection 5-Barrel Cuvée represents the most authentic form of small-lot winemaking at Dry Creek Vineyard. Since the first vintage in 2013, this exquisite blend has exemplified our family winery's passion for the noble Bordeaux varietals and the art of blending. Every detail of this cuvée is carefully crafted, from the impeccable vineyard management to the hand punchdowns in the cellar for powerful, yet elegant flavors. The wine is aged in barrels selected for our premier Bordeaux-style wines, which leads to richer color and intensity. The resulting Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and full-bodied with robust tannins and purity of fruit.

GROWING SEASON

The 2021 growing season was moderate and consistent, with more typical start and end dates for our 50th harvest. Due to drought conditions, we saw less shoot growth, so we gave the vines extra care and attention when managing canopies and crop loads. The shorter shoots, combined with a below average fruit set, led to our yields being down across harvest compared to the prior year. However, the quality was very high overall.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our VIP Selection 5-Barrel Cuvée is a passion project of our family winery and represents the finest of handcrafted winemaking. This exquisite wine beckons with luxurious aromas of blackberry, boysenberry and plum. With airing, notes of cocoa powder, fine leather and nutmeg come to the forefront. The palate is full and rich with black cherry, espresso, dried *herbes de Provence* and a hint of black pepper. With refined tannins, this wine is complex and elegantly structured with a finish that lingers.



BLEND

87% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot
4% Malbec

FERMENTATION

10–18 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

20 months in French oak; 40% new oak

ALCOHOL | 13.8%

BRIX | 24.6

PH | 3.58

TA | 6.1 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 4–October 11, 2021

VINE AGE | 12–26 years

SOILS

Rocky, well-drained

YIELDS

4–5 tons per acre