



The Dry Creek Valley is an undiscovered gem, producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Primarily known for Zinfandel, the valley has almost as much Cabernet Sauvignon planted. Our region's unique *terroir* provides just the right growing conditions. A perfect microclimate, we are blessed with long days of vibrant sunshine and cool foggy evenings allowing for exquisitely ripened Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Bright cherry fruit framed by floral and spice elements create wines that speak to the distinctive soil and growing conditions in our appellation.

The 2021 growing season was moderate and consistent, with more typical start and end dates for our 50<sup>th</sup> 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 yield being down across the harvest compared to last year's. However, the quality was very high overall.

This lush and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon initially displays aromas of plum, blackberry and cranberry, followed by bay leaf, sage and white pepper. A first taste of the full-bodied wine reveals flavors of black currant and black cherry. Hints of *herbes de Provence*, mocha and fine leather bolster its richness, while firm tannins provide structure. The plush palate and well-rounded mouthfeel make this Cabernet approachable in its youth while also perfect for aging.



80% Cabernet Sauvignon 3.68 g/L  
 7% Malbec 6.1 g/L  
 5% Petit Verdot  
 4% Cabernet Franc  
 4% Merlot

September 6–October 15, 2021

14-30 years

14–17 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;  
 pumped over twice daily

Benchland, rolling eastern hills,  
 and western mountain sites

19 months in French, Hungarian  
 and American oak; 30% new oak

14.5%  
 Average 25.4

**95**  
 POINTS  
 Decanter