



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

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.

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 yield being down across the harvest compared to last year's. However, the quality was very high overall.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

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.

BLEND

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Malbec
5% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc
4% Merlot

FERMENTATION

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

BARREL AGING

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

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

BRIX | Average 25.4

PH | 3.68 g/L

TA | 6.1 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 6-October 15, 2021

VINE AGE | 14-30 years

SOILS

Benchland, rolling eastern hills,
and western mountain sites

95 POINTS | 93 POINTS | 92 POINTS

Decanter

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WINE ENTHUSIAST