

2021

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973

CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Our classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon features layered notes of ripe blackberry, dark plum, and boysenberry complemented by hints of dark chocolate, baking spices and toasty oak. Rich dark fruit is balanced by fresh acidity and finely-knit tannins, creating a full-bodied yet elegant structure.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

In the art of crafting our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, we blend from special pockets across this remarkable region. From the renowned terroirs of Rutherford and Oakville arise the bold fruit intensity synonymous with classic Napa Valley wines. Meanwhile, the warmth of Calistoga in the north and the cooler southern edges of the Suscol watershed contribute nuanced layers and depth of flavor. These distinct sites, each with a unique soil and microclimate, allow us to blend a Bordeaux-style wine that is rich yet refined, embodying the quintessence of the Napa Valley.

The 2021 season, though officially a drought year, began with ample rainfall to fill the soils. A mild spring, characterized by below average temperatures and plentiful sunshine, allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. The result was a small crop of exceptionally concentrated grapes, leading to a well-structured and full-flavored wine that showcases our estate vineyards and will improve with cellaring.

WINEMAKING

To preserve the freshness, purity, and natural acidity of our grapes, we hand-harvest them in the cool night. After hand-sorting and destemming the clusters, a partial crush maximized color, flavor, and tannin extraction from the skins. Pre-fermentation, a "cold soak" softened the skins, further aiding in color and tannin extraction. Aged for 17 months in French oak barrels (48% new), our winemaker expertly blended diverse components, adding layers of complexity to the wine.



GRAPE VARIETY

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec, 1% Syrah

VINEYARDS

100% Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

September 14 – October 16, 2021

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.4%

ACIDITY 0.62G/100 ml

PH 3.62

BOTTLE April 2023

AGING Aged 17 months in 48% new French oak, 52% neutral French oak

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