

THE 2021 LAVA BLOCK

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The drought continued in California during the 2021 growing season. While yields were slightly reduced, there were no major heat spikes during the growing season allowing the small berried clusters to mature slowly and evenly, developing depth of flavors, balanced acidity and great tannin structure. Bud break occurred the first couple of weeks in April, we saw fifty-percent veraison by early August and harvested the majority of the vineyard after the autumn equinox. An exceptional year for consistency and quality, offering elegant and sophisticated final flavors in the wines.

TASTING NOTES

A kaleidoscopic array of aromas capture the attention. Unending layers of black cherry, currant, raspberry and intense violet intermingle with notes of crushed rock, apricot and pencil lead. Lavender, black cardamom and new suede add a dynamic interplay of savory qualities. The palate is oozing with black and purple fruits and the hallmark minerality races across the tongue. The opulent flavors are supported by mouth-watering acidity and fine tannins. Sophisticated, complex, seamless. This wine is just beginning to reveal its elegance and complexity. A wine for the ages.

ACCOLADES

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Lava Block is a potent, explosive wine. Rocky soils yield a potent, intensely mineral-drenched Cabernet Sauvignon. Crushed rocks, graphite, chocolate, lavender, incense and crème de cassis all race across the palate, supported by salivating acids and big yet well-balanced tannins.”
96 pts. — Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, December 2023

Vineyard Information

100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100–1450 ft.
Moon Mountain District AVA, Certified Organic

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 15.5% | Production: 550 cases | Release Date: February 2024

