

THE 2021 CABERNET

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

The 2021 Cabernet is a complex and layered wine. Intertwining aromas of black currant, wild blackberry compote, cherry, crème de cassis, violet and crushed rock are the first impressions from the glass. This brooding wine takes a few moments to reveal notes of Asian spice box, shaved baker's chocolate and a loamy underpinning that adds richness. The palate offers stratified layers of candied black and purple fruits that unveil themselves beautifully. There is a savory opulence that will continue to evolve as this wine ages. A seamless Cabernet Sauvignon marked by grace and balance with fine grained tannins that linger long after the last sip.

ACCOLADES

93 pts. Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, December 2023

93 pts. James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, July 2024

Vineyard Information

Estate Grown: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, Southern Mayacamas Mountains, Elevation 1100–1450 ft., Moon Mountain District, Certified Organic Vineyards

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 15.5% | Production: 1900 cases | Release Date: October 2024

