



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is from the Kick Ranch Vineyard in the Fountaingrove District of Sonoma County. The 40-acre vineyard sits on gently rolling slopes on the Sonoma-side approach to Spring Mountain, and maintains the cooler-climate influences that I appreciate. Our section is planted to the Disney clone and was on its sixth leaf for this vintage.

We harvested across two picks on October 8th and October 19th. As always, the fruit was destemmed, hand sorted, and filled into twelve French oak barrels with open heads. I then closed the heads and dropped them onto rolling racks for fermentation and maceration. No additions of water or acid were made. Barrels were rolled between two and three times a day for extraction.

The twelve individual fermentations were blended together at drain and press and racked only once after malolactic fermentation was complete. After twenty months in oak, 40% of which was new, the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

This is our first release of cabernet sauvignon from this vineyard. I love the expressions from this site, and I'm confident we captured a sense of place and authenticity with this vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Deeply perfumed, darkly pigmented, and floral, the wine opens with rose petals, violets and cedar, with touches of lavender, pomegranate, and black olive tapenade framed in a subtle background of oak spice. On the palate the wine is tense and complex with balanced red fruit sweetness and sublimely plush fine tannins from barrel fermentation.

Our style of winemaking tends towards vibrant elegance, giving a wide range of versatility in food pairings. Our favorite pairing is a varied charcuterie board, augmented with butcher's sausage, skirt steak, and pork rilette.

CHEMISTRY

pH - 3.61

Titrateable Acidity - 6.4 g/L

Alcohol - 14.1%

COOPERAGE

Ana Selection, Bernard, neutral Taransaud and Darnajou

DRINKING WINDOW

2025-2035+