



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON “IRON SLOPES”

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

This high-elevation Cabernet Sauvignon was inspired by our decades of working with Bordeaux varietals planted in the different districts and vineyards within Dry Creek Valley. Our family winery has always sought to match the best varietal to the vineyard for impeccably balanced and flavorful grapes. This exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon showcases some of the more extreme growing sites that lie on the western hillsides of Dry Creek Valley. The undulating nature of the terrain provides grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and complex.

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

Juicy aromas of plum, blueberry and cranberry come forward initially. Additional airing reveals earthy notes of black tea, mocha and bay leaf. The palate is bold and luxurious with luscious flavors of black cherry, black currant and fine leather. The finish lingers with notes of black pepper, coriander and toffee. This full-bodied expression of Cabernet Sauvignon is opulent and plush.

BLEND

94% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Merlot
3% Malbec

FERMENTATION

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

BARREL AGING

20 months in French, Hungarian and
American oak; 48% new oak

ALCOHOL | 13.9%

BRIX | 24.0

PH | 3.64

TA | 6.2 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 15–October 7, 2021

VINE AGE | 11–32 years

SOILS

Rocky and iron rich