2021 CADE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY



VARIETALS

83% Cabernet Sauvignon 17% Petit Verdot



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PRODUCTION 47 Barrels

BOTTLED May 19, 2023

93+ POINTS Jeb Dunnuck



WINEMAKER Danielle Cyrot

AVA Napa Valley

VINEYARD NOTES

Our cade Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, is made from three of Napa's most sought-after vineyards: Kenefick Ranch Vineyards (Calistoga), Ballentine Vineyards (Calistoga) and Hanson-Hsieh Vineyard (Oak Knoll). We picked the fruit starting September 13th and finishing September 22nd-a short and sweet window for our valley-floor vineyards.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine was aged in 100% French Oak barrels (48% new) for 18 months. Malolactic fermentation occurred in the barrel immediately after primary fermentation. Once malolactic fermentation was complete, we racked the wine quarterly.

COOPERAGE

We used several coopers: Allary, Atelier, Tonnellerie O, Nadalie, Taransaud, Quintessence, and Mercier. The oak for these coopers was sourced from several different forests and used a combination of Medium and Medium Long toasting levels.

IMPRESSIONS

The 2021 cade Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, has black cherry, violets, mocha, blueberry, and milk chocolate aromas. On the palate are flavors of raspberry compote, fresh blackberries, and cocoa nib. The wine has a beautiful balance of acidity and tannin that gives the wine length, texture, weight, and balance. The wine finishes with a touch of caramel, toffee, smores, and chocolate-covered blueberries. The addition of Petit Verdot in the blend gives the core of Cabernet Sauvignon additional structure, floral notes, and dark fruit flavors on the palate, providing complexity and depth to the wine tannins demonstrate what valley-floor fruit can offer.