

2021 13TH VINEYARD RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN



VARIETALS

93% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Malbec
3% Petit Verdot



ALCOHOL

15.6%



PRODUCTION

12 barrels



RELEASE DATE

Spring 2024



97+ POINTS

Jeb Dunnuck

13th vineyard

WINEMAKER

Danielle Cyrot

AVA

Howell Mountain

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2021 13th Vineyard Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is from our 82-acre estate vineyard on Howell Mountain, adjacent to CADE Estate. This property was the 13th bonded winery in California, dating back to 1886. The vineyard is planted to 74 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.5 acres of Malbec, and 1 acre of Petit Verdot. The fruit was harvested between September 23rd and October 8th.

FERMENTATION

The fruit was hand-picked, destemmed/whole berry, and optically sorted into small stainless steel fermentation tanks. The must was kept at 50°F for a two-day cold soak. Fermentation was hot and fast with temperatures reaching a maximum of 95°F and the juice macerating on the skins/seeds for 5-7 days.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine was aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Only free-run wine was used in the blend; no press fractions were selected. Racking occurred immediately after the completion of malolactic fermentation and then quarterly until bottling.

COOPERAGE

Sylvain Signature Medium Plus, Atelier Medium Long, Darnajou Medium Plus, Quintessence Medium and Medium Plus, and Nadalie Medium Plus.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The 2021 13th Vineyard Reserve has aromas of boysenberry, blackberry, blueberry compote, black forest cake, Tahitian vanilla, cinnamon, clove, and dark chocolate. On the palate are flavors of muddled blackberry, fresh raspberry, cherry cola, chocolate-covered coffee beans, fresh plums, and ripe boysenberries. The texture and structure of this wine are in perfect balance. The addition of Malbec and Petit Verdot brings aromatic complexity and adds depth and weight to the mid-palate. Malbec brings in a lot of the raspberry and cherry notes, while Petit Verdot adds aromas of violets and flavors of coffee and baked black fruit.