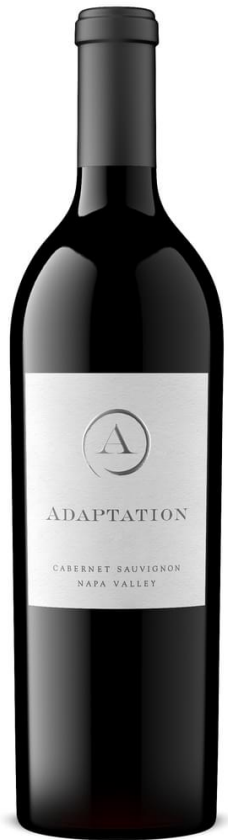


2021 ADAPTATION CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY



VARIETALS

77% Cabernet Sauvignon
22% Merlot
1% Malbec



ALCOHOL

14.8%



AGING

18 months



BOTTLED

May 22, 2023



ADAPTATION

NAPA VALLEY

AVA

Napa Valley

VINEYARD NOTES

In 2021 we continued to work closely with our favorite local growers throughout the Napa Valley. The backbone of this blend comes from our newest estate vineyard, Oso, which delivers an abundance of rich fruit flavor, color, and tannin, providing the framework and structure to carry this wine. Oso is complemented by Cabernet Sauvignon from Ink Grade on Howell Mountain, Solares in St. Helena, Crossroads in Oakville, our home Estate in the Stags Leap District, Blue Tooth in Oak Knoll, and Merlot from Las Amigas in Carneros. By blending these unique sites, we capture the Napa Valley's exceptional diversity and reveal the complexity of Cabernet Sauvignon in an approachable, elegant style.

VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season was defined by continued drought conditions that led to lower than average yields and above average quality grapes. A warm summer and fall propelled fruit development along at a brisk pace with grapes from our warmest sites arriving shortly after Labor Day. Blue skies and even temperatures allowed us to pick each vineyard block as it achieved optimal ripeness with all our fruit harvested before a late October storm.

FERMENTATION & ÉLEVAGE

Fermentation took place in small fully jacketed stainless-steel fermenters after a 48-hour cold soak at 55°F. The stainless-steel fermenters showcase the purity of the fruit while preserving the freshness and allowing the terroir to shine. Maceration lasted 8-14 days at a maximum temperature of 94°F. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and finished up in late winter. The wine was aged in 50% new oak barrels and 50% one-fill oak barrels with minimal racking for 18 months before bottling.

IMPRESSIONS

The 2021 Adaptation Cabernet Sauvignon leads with a heady aromatic rush of lilac, blackcurrant, ripe raspberry, vanilla, and clove. The palate reveals flavors of blackberry cobbler, fig, and raw almond packed around a tight-knit core of soft tannin. The judicious use of new French oak lends structure while adding a flash of espresso and cedar through a luxurious finish.