

# 2021 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Oakville, Napa Valley*

## VINTAGE

Harvest began on September 20th, it was a smooth and evenly paced, without as many heat spikes as we've seen in recent Napa Valley vintages. Milder weather meant we could pick more gradually, and it gave the grapes plenty of time to ripen and develop deep color and flavor. Continuing drought meant the vines struggled to access water, and the result was smaller clusters and berries yielding wines with intense flavors.

## THE WINE

**Blending:** All the Cabernet from our Reserve Vineyard was harvested in 6 separate lots; portions of three were used for the final blend.

**Merlot:** 2%, grown on our Hillview Estate

**Barrels:** 100% new French oak

**Aging:** 22 months in barrel; 14 months in bottle before release



95  
PTS

*“Ripe and with a bit of flash thanks to its glossy toast, this red delivers a violet-accented core of cassis and plum reduction, with black licorice, sweet tobacco and singed alder notes. Solid and steady through the lengthy, polished finish, with a flash of flinty minerality lurking in the background. Drink now through 2040.”*

—James Molesworth  
*Wine Spectator*

## ACCOLADES

95 pts. Wine Advocate

94 pts. Jeb Dunnuck

94 pts. James Suckling

94 pts. Wine Enthusiast

94 pts. Vinous