

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2021 Cabernet Franc

Napa Valley



Winemaking

We are privileged to work with some of the best Cabernet Franc fruit in the Napa Valley sourced from the Stanton Vineyard. The fruit was hand harvested at night to retain freshness and acidity. After a 5 day cold soak in tank, the wines began native as well as commercial yeast fermentation. We do two pumpovers a day until dry and then drain to 100% French oak barrels, 50% of which are new. This wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

Vintage

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in Napa Valley and an early start to Harvest. While concerning in the long term, the drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The smaller yields per vine and smaller berry size will result in another amazing vintage from Napa Valley.

Tasting Notes

A captivating, singular expression of Cabernet Franc, slightly brooding in character but with an herbal freshness. Bright forward aromas of dark cherries, baking spices, and sage tease the nose and draw you in. On the palate the wine is lusciously textured – rich and smooth, yet powerfully structured with precise tannins and a long finish. There's a delightful interplay between the fruit, herbal, mineral, and savory elements, showcasing the true essence of Napa Valley terroir. Bold and flavorful now, this wine will only increase in elegance over the next 10+ years.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	100% Cabernet Franc
Vineyards:	Stanton Vineyard
Cooperage:	50% new French oak barrels for 20 months
Alc:	14.5%
PH:	3.88
TA:	5.0 g/L

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