

2021

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973

VACA CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Our 2021 Vaca Cabernet awakens the senses with complex aromas of boysenberry, red plum, blackberry, tobacco, cloves, and toasty oak. A full-bodied wine, the Vaca delivers concentrated fruit flavors with well-knit tannins. The opulent berry notes give way to a lush finish with notes of cherry preserves, baking spices, and dried herbs. This wine will continue to age gracefully in the bottle for another decade.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

This wine is made with grapes from three of our estate vineyards located along the Vaca mountain range on the east side of Napa Valley. Suscol Springs is the coolest site, its vines planted amid rocky outcrops overlooking the town of Napa. Doggwood, located further north, is a warm bowl like valley with multiple exposures. Dancing Bear, the northernmost site, sits on Howell Mountain at the highest elevations, enjoying 360-degree exposure. This diverse range of growing conditions allow us to produce a bold, complex, and robust cabernet with beautiful varietal expression and a well-balanced structure of acidity and tannin.

The 2021 season, though officially a drought year, began with ample rainfall to fill the soils. A mild spring, characterized by below average temperatures and plentiful sunshine, allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. The result was a small crop of exceptionally concentrated grapes, leading to a well-structured and full-flavored wine that showcases our estate vineyards and will improve with cellaring.

WINEMAKING

We harvest and ferment each of our Vaca range vineyard lots separately. Clusters were hand-sorted and gently destemmed, then whole berries were hand-sorted again. The grapes then underwent a “cold soak” to soften the skins and further extract color, aromas, flavors, and tannin. Following this, the grapes underwent fermentation before being transferred to French oak barrels (58% new) for 18 months.



GRAPE VARIETY

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot

VINEYARDS

100% Napa Valley: 45% Suscol Springs, 37% Doggwood, 18% Dancing Bear Ranch

HARVEST DATES

September 10 – October 2, 2021

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.6%

ACIDITY 0.62G/100 ml

PH 3.61

BOTTLE August 15, 2023

AGING Aged 18 months in French oak - 58% new, 42% neutral

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