

HILL FAMILY

2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 1,739 cases
Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 5% Malbec and 4% Petit Verdot
Vineyards: Baker, Beau Terre, Spiteri, Coleman, Davis, Hansen and Windy Flats
Cooperage: 20 months in 26% new French oak as follows: (Remond Ailliers, Icone Elegance, Bossuet, Nadalier Noisette, Radoux 707 and Meyrieux GS Max
Alcohol: 15.3%, TA 6.6, pH 3.75
Bottling date: May 2023
Release date: July 2023
Release price: \$70.00

The 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully blended to give power and balance. We appreciate the opportunity to use high elevations (Baker Vineyard in Atlas Peak is at 1,200 ft.) with their intense tannins and color, then blend and civilize them with vineyards from the valley floor and cooler areas. 2021 had many hot spells all the way into October, so the sugars outran the tannins in development. The unevolved tannins had to be softened with Merlot and Malbec, and even the Petit Verdot had softer tannins than the Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a big intense wine from a low crop fast ripening drought year, but we are all lion tamers at Hill Family Estate, and we are sure this wine will be enjoyed for years to come.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromas of ripe berries, cassis, and mocha. Rich fruit and ripe tannins define the style of this wine.