PATENT WINES

NAPA VALLEY

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Appellation	Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley
Varietals	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Production	350 cases using 75% new French Oak
Harvested	September 21 - October 5th
Bottled	August 25, 2023
Winemaker	Tom Rinaldi

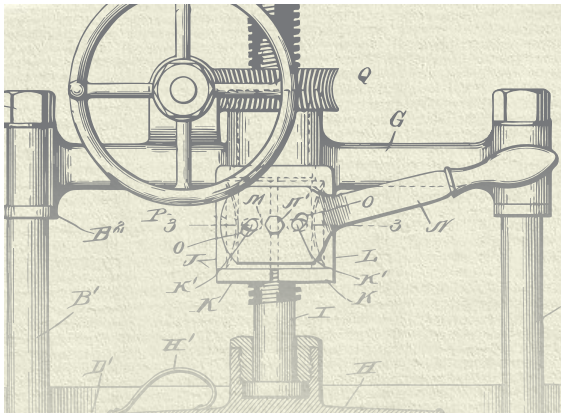
Winemaking Notes

As has been my pattern for more than four decades, grapes were picked by hand early in the morning when temperatures are cool, and grapes arrive ideally for immediate attention . We triple hand sort the fruit to avoid raisins, under-ripe berries, leaves, and "MOG" (material other than grapes).

A portion of the crushed grapes goes directly to new French Oak barrels with almost half the berries uncrushed to cold soak and stabilize. After some days, we gently warm the barrels to temperature to allow the wild native and other yeasts to convert the sugary must to fine wine. Temperature control is absolute, rarely exceeding 85 degrees. We utilize gentle pump-overs and punch-downs of the floating berries to extract color and flavors. Pressing is mild, separating the wine from the skins, and finally all juice heads to French oak barrels for secondary malolactic fermentation and aging, allowing the wine to develop and clarify naturally for about 22 months before bottling for your enjoyment.

Vintage Notes

The 2021 vintage is considered the Napa Valley's finest one in a decade. A relatively small crop thanks to an ongoing drought and ideal growing season, the weather yielded a very early harvest and flawless fruit. This 2021 vintage is undoubtedly cause for excitement.



Tasting Notes

The 2021 Patent Cabernet Sauvignon has a very rich garnet color with clean classic Cabernet aromas of cedar, black olive, licorice, and clove with notes of cherry and leather, with a background of vanilla. A mouth coating palate is consistent with the aromatics with a long rich finish and a balance that promises very rewarding long term cellaring potential.

$75/bottle SRP