

ALMACERRO

2021

ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLEND	99% Cabernet Sauvignon 1% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	14.7%
FERMENTATION	95% Stainless Steel Tank 5% French Oak Puncheons
HARVEST DATES	Sept 8th through Sept 16th, 2021
OAK MATURATION	65% New Oak 22-23 months in oak
BOTTLED	Aug 24th, 2023

TASTING NOTES

Freshly turned earth and raspberry compote rise from the glass of the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, mingling with slow-cooked quinces, spiced cloves, and clean riverbed rocks. Notes of freeze-dried raspberries in dark chocolate, green cardamom, and wild garrigue add complexity.

On the palate, struck flint and hearth-cooked chestnuts meets a forest of Douglas fir, bringing depth and dark ambiance. The tannins are present yet resolved, sculpted around powerful fruit and seamlessly integrated oak. Finely woven mineral acidity, drawn from the calcareous tuff soils of the Almacerro estate vineyard, lends structure and vibrancy. Elegance and unwavering strength define this wild mountain wine, combining finesse with untamed character.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season will be remembered as one of the most exceptional vintages in the past decade, offering near-perfect conditions for grape cultivation in Napa Valley.

Rainfall was minimal, with less than 8 inches of precipitation recorded between January and March, setting the stage for a warm, dry spring. As the season progressed, summer temperatures remained moderate, with no extreme heat spikes. This stability allowed for consistent and even ripening, ensuring fruit quality across varieties. The dry conditions also contributed to smaller vine canopies and fewer, more concentrated clusters. These factors combined to enhance the wines' structure, delivering easily extractable tannins and superb phenolic development, critical for crafting balanced and long-lived Howell Mountain wines.

