

ALMACERRO

2021

ESTATE VINEYARD PROPRIETARY RED WINE

BLEND 42% Cabernet Sauvignon
38% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL 14.7%

FERMENTATION 40% Stainless Steel Tank
60% French Oak Puncheons

HARVEST DATES Sept 2nd through Sept 16th, 2021

OAK MATURATION 25% New Oak
22-23 months in oak

BOTTLED Aug 24th, 2023

TASTING NOTES

The nose of the 2021 Proprietary Red Wine is vibrant and inviting, with notes of ripe blueberries, fresh thyme, dried oregano, and marjoram, lifted by hints of candied orange peel and clementine cake.

On the palate, earthy vetiver transitions to marmalade and caramelized root vegetables with decadent red fruits dancing across the tongue. A distinct minerality, like snow-covered conifers dripping onto rocky slate, adds structure, complemented by subtle spices and the fresh scent of a spring forest. Silky tannins are wrapped in layers of winter citrus, cassis, and dried lavender, creating a balanced and elegant finish.

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.

