

# 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.

