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Napa Valley CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

"Classically built Cabernet Sauvignon with texture and balance is the benchmark for each vintage of Accendo and 2021 was just that with flavor intensity, taut tannins, elegance and purity."

- Nigel Kinsman, winemaker

TASTING NOTES

Initially showcasing dark, brooding aromas of anise, freshly slivered fennel and baking spices that, as the wine evolves in glass, blossom into sweet fruit aromatics of ripe blackberries and mulberries with profoundly savory and mineral driven characters. On the palate, you'll discover fabulous density balanced with the energy and freshness of delicately supportive, super fine tannins. It's an elegant yet powerful wine, all the while being completely harmonious.

PHILOSOPHY

Accendo Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon is an uber blend utilizing impeccable fruit from superior vineyard sites, fashioned in a winemaking style that emphasizes elegance, balance, freshness and finesse. It is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley terroir.

VINEYARDS

Our core Cabernet vineyards are located in the "Gold Coast" of the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, viewed by most locals as the location of Napa Valley's finest sites for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon: Vine Hill Ranch, M-Bar Ranch, Sleeping Lady. These core vineyards are complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Ecotone, Terravina at Upper Range, Diamond Mountain. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season began with rain in January and February, followed by no notable precipitation for the rest of the season. This provided an ideal environment for early budbreak in April and for the vines to flower and set in May. No concerning heat spikes allowed early and even ripening throughout the summer with veraison appearing in early July. Another year of drought yielded clusters with smaller berries. We experienced one of the earliest starts to harvest on record, with clear skies and uneventful weather. As a result, we were afforded the luxury of allowing the grapes to hang as long as needed to achieve optimal ripeness and flavors.

VARIETAL BLEND

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

HAND HARVESTED

September 18th - October 19th

WINEMAKING

Aged in new and used French oak barrels for 22 months.

ALCOHOL

PRODUCTION

14.8%

820 cases

