



Accendo  
Cellars



Napa Valley Red Wine  
**LAUREA**  
2021

*"A charming wine that threads the needle seamlessly between savory, mineral-driven characteristics and beautifully ripe, fruit flavors. This wine is a masterclass in balance and complexity."*

- Nigel Kinsman, winemaker

#### TASTING NOTES

With an inviting bouquet of fresh blueberries, pluots, and dark brambly undertones, this red wine intrigues the olfactory senses with a subtle hint of tobacco and delicate baking spices. The palate artfully balances earthy, terroir-driven elements with notes of dark, ripe fruit. Super fine tannins impart a velvety texture, infusing the wine with great vitality which carries through the long, juicy finish.

#### PHILOSOPHY

Laurea is a red table wine with supple tannins and vibrant red fruit flavors that is delicious and ready to drink when young but will age gracefully. While we vinify all the grapes from our vineyard sources in a similar manner, the blend we create for the Cabernet Sauvignon is a strict selection to produce what we consider the most age worthy wine of the vintage. After creating that blend, we begin a new blend for Laurea, choosing from high quality lots that when blended together, produce a wine with a unique personality.

The resulting wine is immediately pleasurable, drinkable and enjoyable with many styles of cuisine. Laurea is Latin for honor and achievement. We drew inspiration from the name 'Daphne', our first-generation co-founder of Accendo Cellars, whose name is the Greek word for 'Laurel'.

#### 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. A lack of carbohydrate storage due to smoke-filled skies in 2020 resulted in very small vines defined by short shoots with a thin diameter. 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

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Petit Verdot

#### HAND HARVESTED

September 18 - October 19, 2021

#### WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in new and used French oak barrels for 21 months before bottling.

#### ALCOHOL

14.8%

#### PRODUCTION

600 cases

#### ACCOLADES

94-96 pts | **JEB DUNNUCK**

93pts | **vinous**



**DIAMOND MOUNTAIN**  
(FORMERLY REVERIE ESTATE),  
**DIAMOND MOUNTAIN**  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**ECOTONE VINEYARD**  
(FORMERLY Thorevilos Vineyard),  
**NAPA VALLEY**  
PETIT VERDOT

**TERRAVINA VINEYARD**  
(ALSO KNOWN AS UPPER RANGE),  
**NAPA VALLEY**  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**M-BAR RANCH,**  
**OAKVILLE**  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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ACCENDO (Latin, Verb):  
TO ILLUMINATE, TO INSPIRE, TO AROUSE

**VINEYARDS**

For the 2021 Laurea, Cabernet Sauvignon from Diamond Mountain, farmed by Nigel Kinsman, is complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Cabernet Sauvignon from Terravina Vineyard (also known as Upper Range) overlooking Lake Hennessey, Petit Verdot from Ecotone (formerly David Abreu's Thorevilos), Cabernet Sauvignon from M-bar Ranch located in the "Gold Coast"—the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, and Cabernet Sauvignon from a rocky vineyard site in Napa's Eastern hillside just beneath Dalla Valle and Oakville Ranch.