

2021 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon

Calistoga | Napa Valley



The Wine

Our Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon captures the essence of the historic Stella Knight vineyard, nestled at the base of the Diamond Mountain District. This wine reflects the unique terroir of the Calistoga appellation, renowned for its significant diurnal temperature swings, which contribute to the development of small berries with thick skins, imparting a robust tannic structure and vibrant acidity. A heavier toast on the barrels complements the wine's natural intensity, ensuring a balance between power and elegance.

The 2021 Growing Season

The 2021 vintage was a personal milestone for me as it marked a decade of winemaking at my family's winery. A smooth growing season with low precipitation yielded smaller grapes with intensely concentrated flavors and smaller yields per vine. Quality was high across the board and the wines are approachable and complex now, with the concentration and structure to age.

Tasting Notes

Our Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon stands out for its boldness and assertiveness, a testament to the unique expression of our estate vineyard. Notes of dark fruits and a hint of earthiness lead to a palate that marries juicy, mouthwatering acidity with a bold chewiness. The wine's rich fruit is beautifully integrated with sweet oak nuances, resulting in a complex, layered experience that promises to evolve gracefully with time.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Calistoga, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Stella Knight
Harvest Date	September 23, 2021 - October 12, 2021
Cooperage	22 months in 75% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 31, 2023
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.3 g/L
pH	3.68
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	725 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Black cherry, pomegranate, blueberry pie, rose, cocoa, baked earth

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Stella Knight Vineyard

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 17 total acres, 8 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

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Climate: Daytime summer temperatures may peak above 100°F and fall to low 40s°F at night due to cool afternoon and evening breezes drawn in from the Chalk Hill Gap from the Pacific.

Elevation: 300 to 1200 feet

Rainfall: up to 60 inches annually.

Soils: Range from rocky, stony loam on the hillsides, to gravelly or cobbly loams on the alluvial fans

Vineyard Blocks: 3

Clone: 6

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon

