2021 Brenda's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Stags Leap District | Napa Valley

The Wine

If our Winery Ranch is the soul of our brand, our Brenda's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is the heart. Named in honor of my mother, Brenda Baldacci, who embodies wisdom, beauty, and grace, this wine captivates my attention every vintage. Each vineyard has its unique personality, and I spend the growing season identifying the blocks that exhibit the most concentration and consistency in their fruit profile. Once these blocks are identified, I closely monitor the fermentation process, looking for signs of exceptional quality.

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

The 2021 Brenda's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon opens with vibrant aromas of wild strawberry and ripe blackberry, layered with rich notes of dried blueberry and fig along with hints of caramel and toffee. The structure is impeccably balanced, showcasing ripe tannins and lively acidity. Elegant and captivating, this wine offers both immediate enjoyment and the promise of further development with bottle age.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Winery Ranch
Harvest Date	September 29 - October 4, 2021
Cooperage	29 months in 85% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	March 20, 2024
Alcohol	14.5%
ТА	6.45 g/L
рН	3.75
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	375 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Blackberry, strawberry, blueberry, fig, caramel, toffee, cedar



Stags Leap District Winery Ranch

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 29 total acres, 17 vine acres Baldacci Owned: Yes Vineyard Name: Winery Ranch Appellation: Stags Leap District, Napa Valley Climate: Moderately warm with afternoon marine winds to cool the warmer air. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100°F but more regularly are in mid-90° range. Elevation: Sea level to 400 feet Rainfall: 30 inches annually Soils: Volcanic gravel-loams and volcanic on our hillside knoll Vineyard Blocks: 12 Clones: 4, 7, 8, 31, 33, 47, 139, 332, 337 Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot

