

SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2021

MERLOT

ALEXANDER VALLEY

MARK BEAMAN, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

COMPOSITION

Merlot

COOPERAGE

22 months in 35% new French oak

ALCOHOL

14.8%

TA

6.29 g/L

pH

3.6

BOTTLING DATE

September 20, 2023

VINEYARDS

The Alexander Valley is located north of the town of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. It is one of the warmer AVAs in the region making it the perfect spot for red Bordeaux grapes. The fruit for our 2021 Merlot comes from the Michalek Vineyard, a west-facing hillside site at 500 feet of elevation.

VINTAGE

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the second year of drought conditions in Sonoma. Harvest was compact with many varietals ripening at the same time. The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries resulting in flavor-packed wines.

WINEMAKING

After a three-day cold soak, we crushed and fermented the grapes in a combination of stainless steel tanks and oak barrels. After pressing, each lot was blended depending on flavor, color and tannin concentration. The wine was aged for 22 months in 35% new French oak barrels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Upon opening, aromas of dark Santa Rosa plum marry seamlessly with hints of blackberry, allspice, dark chocolate, and mocha. The palate is rich and round, finishing with bold cacao and tobacco flavors. Serve with grilled Asian flank steak, fire roasted chili, or beet carpaccio.