

SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2021

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

MARK BEAMAN, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

COOPERAGE

11 months in French, American, and Hungarian oak, 32% new

ALCOHOL

14.8%

TA

6.37 g/L

pH

3.69

BOTTLING DATE

December 12, 2022

VINEYARDS

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 vintage came primarily from the Mayacama Vineyard located in the north eastern tip of Alexander Valley. This vineyard site is comprised of well-drained, alluvial soils located next to the Russian River which adds concentration and distinct minerality.

VINTAGE

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the second year of drought conditions in Sonoma and throughout California. 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

The grapes were crushed and destemmed to a stainless steel tank for a two-day cold soak, then fermented to dryness at relatively warm temperatures. After pressing the wine off the skins, it was racked to a mixture of barrels and stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation. The wine aged for 11 months in 20% new French, 6% new American, and 6% new Hungarian oak barrels, with the remaining 68% in two-to-three year old French and American oak barrels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2021 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of cherry liqueur, plum, strawberry compote and fresh leather. The palate offers cherry kirsch, strawberry preserve, and soft tannins with balanced acidity. The finish is long and elegant with notes of warm spice and carob.

- Mark Beaman, *Winemaker*