

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2021 CINQ CÉPAGES

RED WINE

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

Cinq Cépages is the flagship wine of Chateau St. Jean. Each year our winemaker selects fruit from outstanding and proven Bordeaux varietal vineyards to craft a wine that showcases the very best of Sonoma County. The primary grape sources for the 2021 vintage are from some of the finest appellations throughout Sonoma County.

VINTAGE

2021 was a perfect ripening vintage in Sonoma County. With mild winter and spring temperatures, budbreak was ahead of average. Summer was warm and dry, with above average temperatures in August and September, leading to an early and fast ripening harvest. The warm weather resulted in ripe fruit flavors and one of the earliest starts of harvest in recent history.

WINEMAKING

This wine is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Merlot (20%), Malbec (10%), Cabernet Franc (5%), and Petit Verdot (5%). This blend is a true representation of the artistry of winemaking, deeply layered and intentional, having undergone regular bâtonnage for 20 months in French oak barrels prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Each vintage of Cinq Cépages is unique and is the result of the terrain, the growing season, and the individual vineyards selected for the blend. The 2021 is quite opulent, opening with lush dark fruit aromas accented by cassis, vanilla, and spice. The palate is plush, offering dark berry flavors coupled with toasted oak and smooth, velvety tannins. The elegant structure of this full-bodied wine lends itself to a variety of hearty, meat-based dishes and is expected to age beautifully for 10-15 years with proper cellaring.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
OAK	100% French oak, 70% new
AGING	20 months
ALCOHOL	14.8%
T.A.	5.94 g/L
PH	3.75