

# SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2021

MALBEC

**ALEXANDER VALLEY**

MARK BEAMAN, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

**APPELLATION**

Alexander Valley

**COMPOSITION**

Malbec

**COOPERAGE**

16 months in French oak,  
40% new

**ALCOHOL**

14.9%

**TA**

6.4 g/L

**pH**

3.87

**BOTTLING DATE**

February 24, 2023

**CASES PRODUCED**

400

## 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 in this 2021 Malbec came from Upper Hocking Vineyard. These blocks are gravelly, well-drained sites located near the Russian River.

## 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 harvest, we cold soaked the fruit prior to inoculation and fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Once complete, the wine was racked off the lees and put into 40% new and French oak barrels for 16 months of aging.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2021 Malbec is a savory and layered tribute to the varietal. Aromas of dark boysenberry cobbler, sun-ripened plum, and accents of violet and graphite lead to a rich, opulent palate. Hints of cigar box and cedar linger on the finish. Enjoy this wine with empanadas, asada with chimichurri, or roasted meat charcuterie.