

WINEMAKER'S
NOTES



BOTTLED:
APRIL 11, 2023

LANCASTER ESTATE
2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Varietals: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot,
3% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot*

*Titratable Acidity: 6.32 g/L
pH: 3.50
Alcohol: 15.2%*

OUR THOUGHTS...

The 2021 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon captures the pure expression of our unique terroir at Lancaster Estate. It is a blend of the five of the red Bordeaux varietals we have planted on our volcanic hillside vineyards. The nose is rich with aromas of dark plum, tobacco and black pepper. The palate is deep and concentrated with flavors of black cherry, dark stone fruit, dried sage and a subtle earthiness. This wine should be decanted when young, and will only gain in complexity for the next 15-20 years.

VINTAGE AND ESTATE NOTES:

The winter of 2020–2021 had minimal rainfall and mild temperatures leading to drought conditions throughout California's North Coast. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of normal. Summer was warm and dry, with a few short heat spikes. The warm weather resulted in beautifully ripened fruit and a fairly early harvest.

Consistent with Lancaster Estate's commitment to making wines of authenticity and place, all of our wines are estate grown, produced and bottled. Native yeasts are used for primary fermentation while secondary malolactic fermentation occurs naturally in barrel.

To preserve the truest expression of our estate, the Lancaster Estate 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon was gently fined and then bottled unfiltered.

COOPERAGE:

The wine was aged 24 months in 100% French oak. We chose barrels from several coopers including Darnajou, Taransaud, Nadalie, Saury, Bel Air and Gamba. 50% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of medium, medium-plus, medium-long, and heavy toast levels to provide optimal integration and balance.

