

SEBASTIANI 2021 GRAVEL BED RED



THE VINEYARDS

Gravelly soils are responsible for some of the world's greatest wines. With their superior draining properties and lack of nutrients, they encourage better balanced vines, less sprawl, smaller berries and more intense wines. Gravel Bed Red, as the name suggests, is a proprietary blend showcasing some of the best gravelly sites in Sonoma County. Our 2019 bottling features a blend Cabernet Sauvignon from Cherryblock vineyard and carefully selected Sonoma County Merlot and Barbera vineyards.

THE 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

We cold soaked many of the lots to increase color and flavor extraction. All of the grapes were fermented warm and only a small portion of press wine was included for aromatics and structure. After fermentation, all of the individual lots were racked off the lees and put into French oak barrels. After aging for 18 months, the wine was bottled in February 2023.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2021 Gravel Bed Red is dark and layered. The wine opens with aromas of black cherry, blackberry, mocha and allspice. On the palate, intense dark fruit characters and bold tannin are balanced by uplifting acidity. Notes of chocolate linger on the finish. This bold wine pairs beautifully with Tomahawk steak, grilled smash burgers, or sausage herb pasta.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
COMPOSITION	53% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon
AGING	18 months in French oak barrels
ALCOHOL	14.8%
TA	6.34 g/L
pH	3.5
BOTTLING DATE	February 2023
CASES	800