



LITHOLOGY

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

The bouquet is a vibrant mix of red and dark fruits, accented by herbs and warm conifer, and enhanced by mineral complexities that evoke pulverized river bed rocks. True to its vineyard origins, the wine showcases a muscular structure without sacrificing elegance. The palate offers both density and refinement, culminating in a finish of extraordinary length and balance.

VINEYARDS

Considered the first vineyard planted in Saint Helena in the 1840's, this special site sits right at the head of the alluvial fan created by Sulphur Creek where the Mayacamas Mountains transition to the valley floor. As a result, its soils are exceedingly rocky, compelling Andy's vineyard crew to call the vineyard "Las Piedras," Spanish for stones or pebbles.

WINEMAKING

Fermented in 100% stainless for 24 days.
Aged for 22 months in 85% new french oak.

WINEMAKERS: Matt Sands, Philippe Melka,
and Michel Rolland.

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

HARVESTED: September 15, 2021

BOTTLED: June 2023.

CASE PRODUCTION: 82 cases.

ALCOHOL: 15.3%

AVA: St. Helena.

VINEYARD: Beckstoffer, Las Piedras.



"Winemaker Matt Sands has ushered in an entire lineup of terrifically fresh and exuberant 2021s, and this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is right in the pocket. Oozing with succulent blackberry fruit, graphite, and crunchy cranberry, the full-bodied palate is framed by crisp tannins tart and tangy blood orange acidity. It is wholly expressive of wild herbs, dusty minerals and crushed dried violets."

Jonathan Cristaldi

In comparison to the Dr. Crane, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard is more floral and elegant, yet still brings that classic Lithology richness and sexiness. Cassis, crushed flowers, violets, and camphor define the bouquet, and it's full-bodied, with great tannins and the balance and depth to evolve for 25-30 years.

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