



# LITHOLOGY

## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

Huge aromatic complexity, with sweet, ripe cassis and black currants, roasted plums, and grilled black fruits. On the palate, soft, ripe black and red fruits and fresh acids give way to elegant tannins, providing framing and structure. This is a wonderful, utterly beautiful Cabernet.

### VINEYARDS

Our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon provides us the opportunity to create a classic Napa Cabernet blended from top sites throughout the valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced primarily from the eastern edge of Rutherford, providing a core of dense, lush, mocha-laced dark fruit. In this vintage, for the first time, we acquired a touch of Howell Mountain Merlot from one of the highest vineyards in all of Napa Valley, adding vibrant energy and textural nuance. A touch of Franc from Oakville adds a beguiling floral lift and notes of espresso.

### WINEMAKING

17-33 day fermentations in 15% oak, 5% Concrete, 80% stainless steel. 22 months in French Oak - 62% new.

**WINEMAKERS:** Matt Sands, Philipp Melka, and Michel Rolland.

**VARIETAL:** 86% Cabernet Sauvignon.  
12% Merlot.  
2% Cabernet Franc.

**HARVESTED:** September 3rd - October 20th.

**BOTTLED:** June 2023.

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 1679 cases.

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

**AVA:** Napa Valley.



“This gorgeous wine offers immense drinking pleasure from the first whiff to the last drop. A host of blackberry, blueberry, and black cherry fruit appears on the nose and palate. The tannins are impressively polished, and the finish is long and mineral-rich.”

*Jonathan Cristaldi*

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Napa Valley checks in as a blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and a splash of Cabernet Franc coming from multiple terroirs throughout the valley. A gorgeous Cabernet, it has ripe red and black fruits as well as some tobacco and spicy, floral notes, medium to full body, ripe, velvety tannins, great mid-palate depth, and a great finish.”

*Jeb Dunnuck*