

BLUE * ROCK

2021 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Blue Rock Vineyard Estate



Vineyards

Situated at the gorgeous, natural transition of rugged, steep, oak studded hillside to the fertile, lower slopes of Western Alexander Valley, the quarter century old Blue Rock Vineyard yields mature, balanced Cabernet Sauvignon of magnificence and harmony. To capture the essence of the vineyard minimal, gentle, and timely vinification techniques are implemented to best capture this wild landscape and give our wines a true sense of place.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The 2021 vintage showcases the ripeness expected from a low rainfall and very warm vintage. The aromatic profile is rich with ripe boysenberry, crushed rock, and dried herbs. The palate has tremendous breadth and length with flavors of black cherry, creme de menthe, and graham while savory, spice elements of cinnamon, black tea and cocoa round out the finish. Most reflective of our volcanic soil and sloped aspect are the layers of fine-grained tannin showing a great interplay of finesse, density, and tension.

Countless blending trials determined the subtle use of Petit Verdot and Merlot accentuated roundness, complexity and dark fruit nuances while ensuring the Cabernet Sauvignon character remained paramount. Aged in 100% French Oak barrels with 25% being New Medium and Medium Plus toasted barrels to provide richness, layers of flavors and texture. The remaining 75% are second and third fill French Oak barrels providing preservation and respect of the fruit notes and sweet, subtle tactile nuances. 24 months of oak aging provides the necessary interaction between wine and oak to round out and soften the mouthfeel while adding generosity and refinement to the palate.

Food Affinities

Enjoy with filets, short ribs, and T-bones grilled or broiled, with salt, pepper and olive oil, or topped with herbed red wine reduction sauces. Aged cheddar and most other hard cheeses will pair nicely as well. The balance of this wine makes it an easy pairing.

Ageability

Our Blue Rock Cabernet Sauvignon is showy and impressive when enjoyed young yet will gain polish and charm with up to 15 years of aging.

Technical Data

94% Cabernet Sauvignon
05% Petit Verdot
01% Merlot
Alc: 14.2%
24 months in French oak, 25% new oak
Cases Produced: 1,772
Bottled: August 2023
Released: February 2024



93 pts

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