

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2021 CHERRYBLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CHERRYBLOCK VINEYARD

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from Sonoma County's renowned Cherryblock Vineyard, planted in 1961. Wines from this vineyard are touted for their superior quality, elegance, structure and terroir-driven aromatics unique to these Old Vines.

VINTAGE

2021 was a perfect ripening vintage in Sonoma County. With mild winter and spring temperatures, budbreak was ahead of average. Summer was warm and dry, with above average temperatures in August and September, leading to an early and fast ripening harvest. The warm weather resulted in ripe fruit flavors and one of the earliest starts of harvest in recent history.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were hand-picked in the cold overnight hours, preserving freshness and quality. After careful sorting and destemming, the fruit is cold-soaked for three days prior to inoculation in stainless steel tanks. The fermenting juice is pumped-over 2-3 times daily throughout fermentation, extracting color and flavor from the skins. After fermentation is complete, the wine is drained, pressed and moved to a combination of French (60%) and Hungarian (40%) oak (80% new) for 24 months of aging. The final blend was bottled January 24, 2024.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Cherryblock Cabernet Sauvignon shows remarkable depth and complexity. Ripe black cherry, black currant, dried strawberry, red plum, and accents of vanilla and white pepper fill the nose. The palate delivers ample black and red brambly fruit flavors, seamlessly integrated with notes of caramel, cocoa, and subtle spice. This elegant wine will age gracefully for 10+ years with proper cellaring.

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APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK

60% French and 40% Hungarian oak, 80% new

AGING

24 months

ALCOHOL

14.8%

T.A.

5.9 g/L

pH

3.79