



Elizabeth Spencer
RUTHERFORD 1872

CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER

VINTAGE 2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The fruit for our Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon came from an historic Napa Ranch, Brandlin with 180 degree views from St. Helena to the San Pablo Bay, Hillside, Clone 337. This is a pre-prohibition vineyard overlooking Atlas Peak and the Bay towards San Francisco.

WINEMAKING

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

TASTING NOTES

The oak presence is more pronounced here, with notes of dark spice, a hint of ginger, molasses, and a touch of rum. On the palate, it's broad, powerful, and intense, showing its youthful energy. This wine needs time to fully harmonize, offering a vibrant green leaf freshness and fresh currants, all restrained by ripe fruit tannins and a subtle mocha-infused oak influence. A beautiful wine with great potential, tighter, reminding you the wine is still very much in its youth.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Mount Veeder

ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE: 15.0%

PH: 3.61

TA: 6.47

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