



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: St. Helena,
Napa Valley

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.71

TA: 56.3 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 37% new
French oak

Unfined and unfiltered



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

DISTRICT COLLECTION

ST. HELENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from two vineyards located within twenty-five yards of each other in St. Helena. These vineyards have been part of Raymond for over 20 years and are located on gravelly alluvial fan soil with excellent drainage, an essential component in high quality fruit development. The vines are less vigorous in this area of the Napa Valley, producing smaller berries and lower yields, for more concentrated, intense wines with good tannin structure. The wine is produced to showcase the terroir and distinct flavor characteristics of our cherished vineyards.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

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.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

These vines were harvested on October 23. The grapes were fermented on the skins for a total of 40 days. After extended maceration and fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 37% Taransaud and Baron French oak barrels.

WINE PROFILE

Radiating a brilliant garnet-purple hue, the glass is imbued with the exhilarating aroma of vibrant fresh florals, intertwined with sumptuously ripe blackberry, luscious blackcurrants, and exotic Asian spice notes. The palate experiences an immersive intensity as flavors of succulent raspberry and rich Bing cherry intermingle, forming a luscious tapestry embellished with decadent hints of chocolate. Through the mid-palate, a beautifully intricate texture emerges, adorned with spirited racy tannins and a vivid undercurrent of bright acidity. The finale, marked by its elegant sophistication, unfolds in a silken cascade, bestowing a luxuriously smooth and enduring presence that gracefully lingers.