

# CATERWAUL

## 2021 CATERWAUL NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### NOTES

Dark, complex and structured, the 2021 vintage delivers an unforgettable Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon profile that comes from having access to some of the finest vineyards in the Valley. The wine displays a completely opaque dark purple hue in the glass. Densely layered aromatic notes suggest plum reduction, quince, oolong tea, and cedar bark. The palate experience has an interwoven dark fruit core with lively peripheral notes that lean more towards brambly red fruit. Notes of blackberry paste, leather and cocoa nib dominate the mid palate while the lengthy finish expresses brighter notes of raspberry, dark cherry and blueberries. The sleek mouthfeel is framed by finely integrated tannins and a balanced acidity, allowing for immediate enjoyment or a little nap in the cellar.

### VINTAGE

Like many of the finest vintages in Napa and Sonoma counties, 2021 was marked by high quality and low yields. Throughout the early growing season and into late Spring this area received almost no precipitation, continuing another year of drought conditions. The vines responded appropriately, setting a small crop load. Specific vineyard practices we instituted included leaving extra leaf coverage in the fruiting zone to protect the small berries and clusters from getting excessive exposure to heat and direct sunlight.

The silver lining here is that the quality of the fruit on the vines was outstanding, and we had a long harvest window with no inclement weather forcing our hand on when to pick. With unlimited hang time, we were patient and waited until the fruit had reached full phenological maturity. This resulted in beautiful finished wines which possess great color, depth, power, and complexity.

### PARTNERSHIP

A partnership between Matt Hardin and Thomas Brown was formed during the 2014 vintage after countless years of working together. Out of that friendship the idea of utilizing the strengths of one another gave birth to Caterwaul wines. Matt Hardin, a 6th generation Pope Valley resident and farmer, is owner of Hardin Vineyard Management, one of the most renowned vineyard management companies in Northern California as well as his own Matthew Wallace Wines. Thomas Rivers Brown, winemaker for some of Napa and Sonoma's most iconic labels (Schradler Cellars, Outpost and his own Rivers-Marie & Aston), has more than 50 100-point wines to his resume.



### APPELLATION:

*Napa Valley*

### VARIETAL:

*Cabernet Sauvignon*

### BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak*

*50% New*

*18 months in Barrel*

### ALCOHOL:

*14.5%*

### TOTAL PRODUCTION:

*6803 Cases*