

# LINKED

*Vineyards*

## 2021 KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*“Be so good they can’t ignore you.” – Steve Martin*



The 2021 growing season was framed by a unusually dry winter, with rainfall measuring less than one-third of average. Vines, stressed yet focused, produced tiny, flavor-packed berries, naturally limiting yields and amplifying character. A warm even summer unfolded without major heat spikes, and a long, gentle fall allowed harvest at the ideal moment.

The result? A wine that feels composed and confident. In the glass, the wine shimmers with a dark violet core and brilliant clarity, like a gemstone forged under pressure. The nose opens with a kaleidoscope of blackberry, cassis, pomegranate, spices and cracked pepper, layered over notes of Yellowstone saddle leather and dark chocolate. The palate is equally commanding — plush, velvety, yet sculpted, with layers of tobacco, Luxardo cherry and gentle oak. Firm and polished tannins and a long, graceful finish hint at decades of aging potential.

In a region accustomed to acclaim, it takes something truly remarkable to stand apart—and the 2021 vintage of Linked Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon does exactly that. Born from adversity and sculpted by precision, this wine is a masterclass in balance, intensity, and finesse. It demands attention not with opulence alone, but with a kind of quiet brilliance - it’s just that good!

### *Wine*

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| Winemaker:    | Luc Morlet                                       |
| Harvested:    | October 17th by hand in small lugs at 24.1° brix |
| Composition:  | 100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon                   |
| Fermentation: | Native yeast in small tanks and puncheons        |
| Aged:         | 16 months in French oak from artisan coopers     |
| Bottled:      | July 21st, 2023, Unfiltered and Unfined          |
| Alcohol:      | 15.1%  |
| Production:   | 211 cases  |

### *Vineyard*

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| Planted:     | 2000, Clone 337 on 110R Rootstock       |
| Elevation:   | 1,050-1,250 feet,                       |
| Exposure:    | Western Facing, 30-50% Slopes           |
| Soil:        | Rocky Volcanic, Rhyolitic, Laniger Loam |
| Appellation: | Knights Valley, Sonoma County           |

