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2021 I de V Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

TASTING NOTES

This 2021 I de V New Era wine shows to be in perfect balance and creates a completely different sensory experience. On the nose, this wine offers rich, chocolatey notes with fresh blackberries, croissant, cinnamon and a hint of earthy undertones. The mid-palate exhibits velvety tannins in texture while offering cassis, blackberry tart, dark chocolate covered cherries, walnuts and a touch of graphite that leads to a long-lasting finish. This offering is enjoyable today but will also evolve with cellar aging through 2040.

WINEMAKING

Upon hand harvesting in the early morning hours, our grapes were carefully destemmed and sent to tank for a whole-berry fermentation. The grapes were cold-soaked in tank at 45°F for 4-7 days, allowing for increased color, aroma and flavor extraction. After inoculation with a select yeast, the grape must (juice, skins and seeds) fermented at 82°F for a hot extraction on the skins. The juice was then pumped over the skins twice per day, wetting the cap evenly for a nice healthy fermentation. The wines were aged in 100% new French oak. During assemblage (blending), the best representations of each Bordeaux varietal were selected from the highest quality barrel lots. The final barrel selections were a Sylvain medium plus toast and Baron Culte medium long toast. Both cooperages exhibited perfect tension between the wine and barrel toasting regime. The final 2021 I de V blend is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, and was bottled after 26 months in barrel, unfinned and unfiltered.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was considered a drought year, which is typically excellent quality for wines. The season started off with bud break in early March, allowing for a perfect flowering and set for the grape clusters. Summer was also quite warm and long, leading into an early Autumn harvest season. Lower yields in the vineyard gave a perfect concentration for juice versus skin ratio. The consistent summer weather encouraged our Cabernet Sauvignon from our Fawn Park and Millennium MM vineyards to ripen in late September to finish the harvest season.



Winemaker: Jason Moulton

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.8%

