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2021 MANCINO LANCIATORE CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Mancino Lanciatore is a stunning wine of power and concentration. Its name translated from Italian means “left-handed thrower” and is an ode to our proprietor, Thomas Leonardini, Sr. and several other left-handed Leonardinis. On the nose, it evokes rich aromas of cassis, blueberry jam, fresh blackberries, black olives and hints of tobacco leaf. Its palate provides big, rich, chewy tannins alongside black cherries, raspberries, milk chocolate and a touch of croissant. We recommend decanting for a few hours before enjoying or cellar for 15-20 years.

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, which allowed for a hot extraction on the skins. For fermentation cap management, the juice was pumped over the skins two times per day, wetting the cap evenly for a nice, healthy fermentation. After fermentation and pressing, the Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in 65% new French oak for 20 months before bottling. The final blend is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

VINTAGE

The vintage in 2021 was considered a drought year, with little rain on record for the Napa Valley, which have typically proven to be excellent quality for wines. The season started off with bud break in early March, leading to a Spring that allowed for a perfect flowering and set for the grape clusters. Summer was also quite warm and long, leading into an early Autumn harvest season. The drought conditions led to lower yields in the vineyard, which gave a perfect concentration for juice versus skin ratio. The consistent summer weather encouraged our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes to ripen in late September into October to finish the harvest season. The fruit for this 2021 Mancino Cabernet Sauvignon is from our vineyards in the Rutherford and Oak Knoll appellations.



Winemaker: Jason Moulton

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Peseante Noir, 1% Camminare Noir

Alcohol: 14.9%

