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2021 HAYES VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Hayes Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine that embodies the history of what was once known as the Hayes Valley in California. The region was well known for its production of wine grapes for the missions that spread throughout California. The valley had rich fertile soil and produced great yields to accompany high quality grapes. This Cabernet Sauvignon is made in an old-world style, showcasing balance, elegance and a full-bodied style of wine with bright fruit characteristics.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2021 growing season was another unique season from start to finish throughout California. With most of the state back in a severe drought situation, bud break started early due to extremely dry soils throughout California's vineyards. Luckily, it was a very mild spring and there were very few reported cases of frost. Mild temperatures stayed right through and into the Summer. The Summer was mild to cool compared to historical averages and there were no major heat events or spikes. Having the mild temperatures allowed for a prolonged growing season and optimal ripening temperatures right into the Fall. The Harvest for much of the state began 1 week to 10 days earlier than the previous 3 seasons due to the vines being subjected to absolute perfect ripening weather. By the time any late October rain event came, they were welcomed as a natural dose of water after harvest as many vineyards had already harvested roughly 95% of their grapes. Another premium growing season with outstanding quality marking 4 straight years of above average wine quality in the cellar.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from some of the finest vineyards throughout the state of California. The grapes are handpicked, and hand sorted prior to a 72-hour cold soak at 40 degrees F. During fermentation, the wine is pumped over 4 times per day during peak fermentation to maximize extraction. Post fermentation, the wine is held on skins for 24 hours to extend maceration and provide even more color and tannin extraction. The wine is then aged on 25% New French Oak and 10% New American Oak and the remainder is aged on a mix of neutral American and French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Dark currant

Aroma: Tobacco, star of anise, huckleberry jam

Structure: Full body, medium acid, high tannins

Flavors: Cedar, bay leaf, blackberry

Pairings: Braised Short Ribs, Gruyère cheese, vegetarian lasagna

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vineyard: 100% California Vineyards

Blend: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 3% Zinfandel, 2% Petite Sirah

Aged: 14 months in 30% New French Oak, 70% Neutral French Oak

Harvest Date: Sept 2nd – Oct30th

Average Brix at Harvest: 24.5

PH: 3.70

TA: 0.59

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: 0.11g/L

