

Schrader

2021 VINTAGE HERITAGE CLONE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PROFILE

Sourced from a single block in the To Kalon Vineyard, this “Heritage Clone” produces impossibly small clusters with tiny berries and very low yields. The quality of the fruit, however, is indisputable – producing wines of great intensity, complexity, and character that have proven compelling enough to keep these vines in the ground for decades. Densely fruited and plush with lively acidity for balance, this is an elegant and expressive wine that offers a provocative range of flavors such as ripened red cherries, chocolate shavings, mandarin orange rind, and sweet earth.

VINTAGE

This vintage had all the elements of a classic Napa Valley vintage, and for many, it offered redemption from the devastation of 2020. Throughout harvest, Thomas was very impressed with the color and concentration of the fruit we harvested. The quality of our fruit is a testament to the diligence and attention to detail of our vineyard team, who had their work cut out for them in a vintage that was, at times, wildly variable and marked by lingering drought and some unseasonable and sustained periods of high temperatures. These same elements that challenged our vineyard teams also created an ideal environment for our vines to produce low yields of small, intensely flavored berries that achieved peak ripeness and marked complexity. In crafting our 2021 wines, we aimed to showcase the balance of power and poise that we feel will be the hallmarks of the vintage.

VINEYARDS

First planted in 1868 by viticultural and winemaking icon Hamilton Crabb, To Kalon Vineyard has long been regarded as the source of Napa Valley’s finest Cabernet Sauvignon. Our Heritage Clone Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a single block planted to a unique and exceptional clone with a rich history. The clone was isolated in the 1980s as part of a project led by UC Davis to identify legacy and historical clones of exceptional quality planted in vineyards throughout California’s major winegrowing regions. The clone can be traced back to the 1950s and is thought to possibly date all the way back to the 1860s, when H.W. Crabb planted the original To Kalon Vineyard.

BARREL SAMPLE CRITICAL PRAISE

96–98 POINTS

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon To Kalon Vineyard Heritage Clone comes from a clone of Cabernet Sauvignon that yields incredibly tiny clusters and miniscule yields. This inky hued beauty boasts a great perfume of cassis, crushed stone, graphite, and chocolate, and like the Monastery Block, is concentrated, full-bodied, and structure. It’s another that will demand cellaring”

— JEB DUNNUCK, 2.16.23



WINEMAKER: THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

APPELLATION: OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: TO KALON VINEYARD, PURE CLONE 31

COOPERAGE: AGED IN 100% NEW DARNAJOU AND TARANSAUD FRENCH OAK BARRELS

ALCOHOL: 15.4% BY VOLUME