

Schrader

2021 VINTAGE WAPPO HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PROFILE

Wappo Hill Vineyard, in the Stags Leap District, was first planted in 1969. Produced from 100% Clone 685 Cabernet Sauvignon, this bottling is sourced from hillside vines planted on well-drained, gravelly, and clay loam soils. The vines thrive with ample afternoon sun bookended by cool mornings and evenings and produce intensely flavored fruit with exceptionally balanced acidity. The wine features notes of blackberry, red cherry, and briary aromas that combine with pleasing threads of baking spice, floral petal, and dusty earth tones. This stunning wine shows the tremendous power of a classic Napa Valley Cabernet with a polished, long-lasting finish.

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

Wappo Hill Vineyard, located in the Northern end of the Stags Leap District, was first planted in 1969. We source our Cabernet Sauvignon from blocks grown on a hillside in well-drained, gravelly, and clay loam soils. Ample afternoon sun, bookended by cool mornings and evenings, produce intensely flavored fruit with exceptionally balanced acidity.

BARREL SAMPLE CRITICAL PRAISE

95-97 POINTS

"First made in 2019, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Wappo Hill is all Cabernet Sauvignon and has an exotic nose of wildflowers, blueberries, graphite, and bouquet garni to go with a juicy, full-bodied, incredibly lively style on the palate."

— JEB DUNNUCK, 2.16.23



WINEMAKER: THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

APPELLATION: STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: WAPPO HILL VINEYARD, PURE CLONE 685

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

ALCOHOL: 15.4% BY VOLUME