



2021 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Bella Union was founded by the partners of Far Niente to specialize in the art of blending Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. The cornerstone of the blend is our 25-acre vineyard in Rutherford, along Bella Oaks Lane, a country road that was historically called Bella Union. The vineyard is planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon in well-drained loam, and the vines range from 20 – 30 years of age. Classic varieties of Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot sourced from select Napa Valley vineyards complete the blend.

HARVEST NOTES

With very little winter rain, the 2021 growing season began under drought conditions. An equally dry spring punctuated with the windiest May in recent years brought us early budbreak and bloom. The summer months were mild with few heat spikes, allowing the vines to slowly ripen and yield small but intensely flavored grapes. An outstanding growing season for the vineyards, the closer we got to harvest, we continued to see excellent quality all around with the intensity of flavor observed in the vineyard continuing in the winery.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2021 Bella Union Napa Valley Cabernet possesses beautiful and intriguing aromas of dark plum, black cherry, hints of clove and barrel spice. The palate is well-structured with velvety tannins complemented by generous layers of fruit flavors of blackberry, fig, and raspberry preserves that give way to a melting finish.



APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETALS

77% Cabernet Sauvignon,
15% Merlot, 5% Malbec,
2% Cabernet Franc,
1% Petit Verdot

FERMENTATION

Stainless Steel (97%)
and concrete (3%)

HARVEST DATE

September 15 - October 13, 2021

AGING

French oak barrels
50% new, 50% neutral

TIME

17 months in barrel

SKIN CONTACT

19 days, average

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

WINEMAKER

Brooke Bobyak-Price

VICE PRESIDENT OF WINEMAKING

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