2021 BEAR TRACK VINEYARD
Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION
Bear Track Vineyard is planted in three terraced blocks on the eastern hillsides of Napa Valley, just outside of the Howell Mountain AVA. The cool climate and iron-rich, volcanic ash soils result in small, tight clusters of concentrated fruit. Ample hang time before harvest yields a Cabernet Sauvignon with intense, dark fruit flavors and integrated tannins.

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 Bear Track Cabernet Sauvignon delivers a wine perfumed with elegant rose petal, blueberry, blackberry and black cassis notes. On the palate, the same elegant floral and fruit notes are found in tandem with savory elements such as sage and black olive tapenade. This spectacular hillside wine is certain to age with grace over the next several years.

APPELLATION
Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(55% new, 45% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
Fall 2023

HARVEST DATES
August 31 – September 2, 2021

SKIN CONTACT
17 days

TIME
18 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2017