

2021 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a "banana belt" microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site's deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

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 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is both vibrant and lush, captivating the nose with gorgeous aromatics of plum, berry, and rose petal perfume. On the palate, layered notes of raspberries, black cherry, and baking spice fill the palate, while silky tannins carry the ripe fruit flavors all the way through to the finish.

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

DELEACE DATE

RELEASE DATE Fall 2023

HARVEST DATE

September 16, 2021

SKIN CONTACT

24 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997