

2021 Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Classic to the Rutherford region of the Napa Valley, the Georges III wine exudes freshness with subtle notes of dusty and earthy character. Fruit aromas of boysenberry and plum combine with hints of dried flowers, cedar, and sandalwood. The wine is further complexed with undertones of cocoa nibs and lightly roasted coffee beans. Equally as layered in the mouth, flavors of black fruits combine with earthy tones and wood spices. The tannins are mouth coating and extremely refined and leave the palate with Rutherford's signature dusty finish.

HARVEST 2021

The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new

Barrel Aged: 19 months

pH: 3.56

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 14.9% Released 2024

\$225

