

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Missouri Hopper Beckstoffer Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Nearly opaque in color, the Missouri Hopper Vineyard wine is a showstopper. Lively and vibrant, the wine exhibits a floral tone along with red fruits and currants. Cedar and citrus add freshness to this wine while hints of fennel seed add complexity and layers. In the mouth, the wine is equally stunning. The freshness shines through with terrific acidity that carries the flavors of red and black fruit to a lengthy finish. The tannins are robust, but the extract of this site seems to cloak the tannin profile to offer balance and harmony, even at this young age. The wine finishes gracefully with hints of aged tobacco.

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: 3.41

TA: 0.65g/100mL

Alc: 14.9%

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