

# WAPPO HILL

—|| PINNACLE OF NAPA VALLEY ||—

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

2021 VINTAGE



Wappo Hill is the spiritual center of Napa Valley; the highest point on the valley floor and the pinnacle of 4,000 years of civilization. Its mystical location was the apex of the Wappo land. The Wappo name honors the bravery, strength and wisdom of the founding people of Napa. The hill rises 666 feet, providing the Wappo a strategic perspective onto their cherished valley, with views from the San Pablo Bay to Mt. St. Helena. It was there they surveyed the map of Napa Valley that bore the Wappo name.

We created a Cabernet Sauvignon that honors the Wappo tradition, that encapsulates the mystical power of the place and the spiritual energy of their ancestral land. Wisdom and elegance united in strength... This is Wappo Hill Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

### THE VINTAGE:

The 2021 vintage, marked by low yields and small, intensely-flavored berries, saw a relatively smooth harvest season. Despite the concern over the second year of drought in Napa Valley, it led to a more balanced vine load, reducing the need for extensive pruning and fruit dropping. As a result, the grapes are exceptionally flavorful due to the smaller yields and berry size.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER:

Harvested in the early morning hours between October 8 and October 16, the grapes are from two vineyards located along the gently sloping hills on the west side of Yountville followed by a vineyard in Stag's Leap on the east side of Napa on the Valley floor (to mimic the potential of Wappo Hill when it is fully planted). The cooler climate of Yountville, which experiences fog from the San Pablo bay, lends more textural context and tannin structure along with bright fruit flavors to this vintage. The result is a Cabernet Sauvignon of great distinction and sophistication. The grapes went through extended maceration, with skin contact for an average of 47 days, then were aged for 19 months in small French oak barrels, 35% new French oak (Taransaud) before being bottled on July 11, 2023.

### TASTING NOTE:

Showcasing a radiant gem-like brilliance in the glass, this 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon strikes a profound violet shade that harmonizes seamlessly with its well-balanced acidity. It unveils a fragrant bouquets of blackberry, rose petals, and a subtle herbal nuance. The journey continues with the discovery of exotic baking spices intermingling with vivacious bursts of robust cherries that captivate the senses. As this exquisite wine concludes its performance, it leaves a lasting impression with a multifaceted finale, marked by fine-grained tannins and an expressive earthy essence.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**VARIETAL:**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**APPELLATION:**  
Napa Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.54

**TA:** 6.7

**AGING:**  
19 months in 35% new French oak

**PRODUCTION:**  
101 cases bottled