



2021 ELEMENT 28

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Element 28 is named after the owner of the vineyard, Erik Nickel, who ingeniously came up with the name Element 28, which is “nickel” on the periodic table. Located high in the hills across from Lake Henessey, this vineyard has a nice western exposure, comprised of shallow, gravelly loam soils which produce small vines with loose clusters and small berries. Three different clones offer a variety of concentrated fruit flavors that are hallmarks of this hillside vineyard.

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

A brilliant perfume of plum and blue fruits with hints of dried herb and lavender opens onto a full, fruit-forward entry. Lively acidity and mature hillside tannins frame the layers of generous fruit, while soft mineral notes and a hint of cacao lend a delicate quality to the generous mouthfeel. Incredibly nuanced, the combination of hillside structure, ample fruit, and delicate accents make this wine hard to resist now yet promise to gain additional complexity with time.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

HARVEST DATE

October 11 – 19, 2021

SKIN CONTACT

19 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012