



2021 KENEFICK RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Planted on well-drained, alluvial soils at the base of Calistoga's Eastern hills, Kenefick Ranch produces vines of moderate vigor that yield loose clusters with small, concentrated berries. The loamy soil, western exposure and the warmer upper valley climate of this westward-facing vineyard helps us achieve optimal phenolic ripeness. The resulting wines consistently offer a mouthwatering combination of boysenberry and black cherry aromas with fresh fruit flavors that expand and coat the palate, along with density, layers of texture and a juicy finish.

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

Our 2021 vintage of Kenefick Cabernet Sauvignon shows incredible depth and texture. Commanding attention with an intoxicating perfume of blackberry and floral aromas, dark fruit flavors with savory undertones. Ripe black cherry and blackberry front load the palate, while coating tannins and notes of tobacco, cocoa, and spice unfold on the midpalate and continue into a finish layered with dark, sappy-silky fruit.

APPELLATION

Calistoga, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2023

HARVEST DATE

September 7 – 15, 2021

SKIN CONTACT

22 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2016