

DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

2021 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON MONITOR LEDGE VINEYARD

Monitor Ledge is named for an outcropping of rock in the mountains overlooking the vineyard and has been an important component of Duckhorn Vineyards wine blends since 1985. Located on the alluvial fan of Selby Creek and featuring lean, well-draining soils that force the small berry-producing vines to struggle, Monitor Ledge benefits from excellent sun exposure that consistently produces ideal ripening. This unique wine displays exceptional intensity and structure alongside rich dark berry elements and complex barrel flavors.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite an unusually dry winter and warm spring, budbreak was delayed due to light rain in March. The overall lack of rainfall led to light clusters and small berries, which resulted in reduced yields and great concentration. Harvest began on August 5th with Semillon, and early heat generated a fast and furious first few weeks of picking. A much-needed mid-September cool-down allowed for sugars to realign with flavor development. Moderate temperatures continued throughout the rest of the season, providing additional hangtime for the grapes. Our last red grapes were harvested before the rains in late October, resulting in beautiful wines that are dense, pure and polished.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This lush and alluring Cabernet Sauvignon beckons with soaring aromas blackberry jam, boysenberry, dark chocolate, graham cracker and fresh-baked blueberry pie. On the palate it carries its weight with a velvety elegance that accentuates the luxurious dark berry flavors, with fine powdery tannins and notions of allspice and black tea adding to a long, complex finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Monitor Ledge Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged for 18 months 100% French oak 85% new, 15% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.79
ACIDITY	0.62 g/100 ml



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