



## 2021 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**Harvest Dates:** September 6, 2021 – September 9, 2021

**Barrel Age:** 20 months, 65% new French Oak

**Cooperage:** Baron, Cadus, Ermitage, Saury, Taransaud

**Blend:** 99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot;  
100% Aida Estate vineyard

**Bottling Date:** June 12, 2023

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Release Date:** Winter 2024

**Cases Produced:** 485

**Retail Price:** \$315 - 750ml

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**THE VINEYARD** Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

**THE VINTAGE** From the very first days of harvest, we knew the 2021 vintage was a stellar one. The 2021 growing season began a week or two later than typical due to a colder than average February and March. A few spring showers helped the vines along and the summer growing season was exceptionally good. The consistent weather, beautiful skies and ideal ripening conditions aided in a slow and steady sugar accumulation period alongside excellent tannin development. Harvest was smooth and steady and while yields were lower than average, the grapes were concentrated and flavorful. Evocative of the 2016 and 2013 vintages but with exceptional qualities of this vintage, the 2021 Aida Estate wines are delicious upon release while still being supremely cellar worthy.

**THE WINE** Rich and regal in hue, the 2021 Aida Estate Cabernet opens with the opulence of rich red plums and alluring black currants. Delving deeper, notes of scorched earth evokes a sense of its vineyard source and fresh pencil shavings adds subtle nuances. Red and black fruits dominate on the palate with commanding authority and boast unparalleled intensity and concentration that resonate long after the last sip is taken. This wine promises to age with elegance and polish over the next 20+ years.