



## 2021 CEANDA CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**Composition:** 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

**Harvest Dates:** September 7–22, 2021

**Barrel Age:** 20 months, 60% new, 40% once-used thin stave, tight grain, 22mm French oak barrels

**Cooperage:** Taransaud, Ermitage, Baron, Artisan

**Bottling Date:** June 13, 2023

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**pH:** 3.78

**Release Date:** Spring 2024

**Cases Produced:** 518

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**THE VINEYARD** The CEANDA Cabernet Sauvignon is a symbolic representation of the passion and dedication that Chuck and Anne McMinn have bestowed upon their prized vineyards. Both a blend of their vineyards, as well as their names, CEANDA stands tall as a beautiful new addition to the Vineyard 29 family.

**THE VINTAGE** The 2021 growing season began a week or two later than the 2020 season due to a colder than average February and March. A few spring showers helped the vines but the overall dry winter led to slow shoot growth and smaller than average shoots in most cases around the valley. Thankfully, those who started their irrigation program early, April in the case of Vineyard 29 and Aida Estate, were able to convince the shoots to grow to adequate length so that each shoot could ripen its clusters evenly and optimally. Early season frosts were common in the coldest parts of the valley, thus decreasing overall yields come harvest time. 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 and the resulting wines are stunning. A truly exceptional vintage.

**THE WINE** Radiant and bold, the 2021 Vineyard 29 CEANDA Cabernet Sauvignon pours into the glass with captivating intensity and a deep garnet hue. On the nose, delicate violet tendrils, finely sifted cocoa powder and layers of ripe red, blue, and black fruits are framed by subtle leather, tobacco and incense notes. The palate offers the best of both estates, power from Aida and graceful finesse from the 29 Estate. Dense and rich, yet effortlessly balanced, this wine quickly coats the palate with velvety texture, verve and freshness. Firm structured tannins impart a sense of strength to the wine's full-bodied profile while the finish will linger endlessly on the palate.