



2021

ESTATE SELECTION

HAPPY CANYON of SANTA BARBARA AVA

————— *Technical Notes* —————

100% Estate Grown & Bottled

60% Cabernet Sauvignon | 30% Cabernet Franc

5% Malbec | 3% Petit Verdot | 2% Merlot

Harvest date: September 20 – October 15, 2021

————— *Vintage Notes* —————

Fortuitously, a dry winter followed by early spring rains created a balanced budbreak and shoot growth. The spring continued to be dry, with slightly above-average temperatures during the summer, ideal for fruit development and ripening. Remarkably, there were no summer days above 100°. As a result, the vines ripened slowly and without heat stress. The extended hang time and consistent cluster ripening contributed to vibrant color and fine-grain tannins, making this vintage particularly memorable.

————— *Winemaker Notes* —————

The 2021 Estate Selection showcases a classic Cabernet Franc profile, with aromas of cassis, cocoa, and delicate floral nuances. The palate is remarkably smooth, delivering full-bodied richness with only a trace of tannins on the finish. Subtle gunpowder accents and a savory, oak-infused finish lend depth and complexity to this elegant wine.