CROWN POINT

Cabernet Sauvignon
2021

100% ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED

97% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Petit Verdot Harvest

Harvest date:
September 21 –
October 15, 2021

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.

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon aromatics are defined by crème de cassis, tobacco leaf, spicy oak, and a graphite-like hint of lead pencil. On the palate, it is full-bodied with a perfectly balanced, pure, and multi-dimensional profile. Ultra-fine, gradually building tannins lead to a long, refined, yet powerful finish.

98 PTS

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is more Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated and checks in as 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. It's another jaw-droppingly good wine from this team. Crème de cassis, graphite, tobacco leaf, spicy oak, and a Pauillac-like lead pencil character all define the aromatics, and it's full-bodied on the palate, with a flawlessly balanced, pure, layered mouthfeel, ultrafine yet building tannins, and a great finish. It's borderline perfection, and quite possibly the finest Bordeaux blend I've ever tasted from Santa Barbara County. Drink bottles any time over the coming 20-25 years.

JEB DUNNUCK

96 PTS

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the finest wines I have tasted at Crown Point. Seamless and refined in the glass, the 2021 hits all the right notes. All the elements come together beautifully. Winemaker Simon Faury has managed to soften the strong, pungent notes typical of Happy Canyon while also reigning back the bombastic intensity of the early years here. The 2021 is sublime. - Antonio Galloni

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