

SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2021

GRAVEL BED
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SONOMA COUNTY

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Sonoma County

COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

COOPERAGE

16 months in French oak

ALCOHOL

15.0%

TA

6.92 g/L

pH

3.59

BOTTLING DATE

August 18, 2023

CASES PRODUCED

1,023

VINEYARDS

This wine is a terroir driven Cabernet Sauvignon from gravelly, alluvial soils; very much like the gravel beds found from Pauillac in Bordeaux. The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon came from the Michalek Ranch, Anderson Ranch, Upper Hocking Ranch, and La Vigna Vineyards located in Alexander and Sonoma Valleys. Our goal with this wine is to showcase not only the best, but our most terroir driven Cabernet.

VINTAGE

The season started off with very little rain, leading to the second year of drought conditions in Sonoma. Harvest was compact with many varietals ripening at the same time. The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries resulting in flavor-packed wines.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were destemmed and crushed to tank for a three day cold soak prior to inoculation and a warm ferment to dryness. The wine was pressed off skins with a small amount of press going to tank for settling and then racking to barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 16 months in French oak prior to filtration and bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2021 Gravel Bed Cabernet Sauvignon is a stunning representation of Sonoma County terroir. Dark fruit characters abound in this deeply layered wine. Black plum and cherry, leather and black tea leaf marry with notes of dark chocolate and sweet toasted oak. Velvety tannins carry this wine through a lengthy, satisfying finish. We recommend pairing with grilled Portobello mushroom burgers with blue cheese, or barbecue beef brisket.