

MAYACAMAS



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – MT. VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

High on the slopes of Mount Veeder, Mayacamas Vineyards has been a source of legendary California wine since 1889. Since the 1950's the vinification and élevage of Mayacamas remains remarkably consistent and our continued commitment to employ classical techniques and tools is integral to the character of these wines. The mountain terroir at Mayacamas ranges from 1,800 to 2,400 feet in elevation and the estate spans 475 acres, only 50 of which are dedicated to vine. The region's richly intense, age-worthy wines reflect the independent spirit of its mountain growers and vintners, borne of rugged conditions that demand craftsmanship at the highest level.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14%

TASTING NOTES

The wine is richly perfumed, compact and complex. A balanced richness distributed between red, black and blue fruits: cherry, plum, and mulberry. The intensity of the fruit profile counterbalanced by graphite, bay laurel and Palo santo tones. A highly structured profile driven by focused fruit and unpinned by a savory saline finish.

VINTAGE, VINEYARDS & TERROIR

The 2021 growing season on Mount Veeder produced small, intensely flavored berries that had immediate depth of color and flavor. Winter rains were light, marking the second year of a drought. In fact, the season had the lowest rainfall total in 55 years of data – 18 inches on an average of 47 inches. The dry season contributed greatly to lower yields, a naturally balanced canopy, and an early, compact harvest.

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised of grapes from eleven estate vineyard sites and one grower site – each harvested by hand between August 31 and September 9. At the winery the clusters were sorted by hand and de-stemmed. Fermentation occurs at lower temperatures in a mix concrete tanks, stainless steel tanks and oak puncheons– with an average maceration time of 19 days. The wine was aged in neutral Foudre and 500L puncheon (20 months) and 225L neutral French barrel (12 months). The final blend is comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Mount Veeder is a one-of-a-kind appellation with a cooler mountain climate and the lowest yields in Napa Valley. Soils range from poor volcanic deposits to ancient seabed; the grapes produced here retain high acidity and a clean, mineral character.

