



BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

Transcendent Cabernet Sauvignon epitomizes our winemaking belief: to craft luxurious, unforgettable wines that capture the depth and brilliance of Napa Valley's diverse growing regions. Made from a selection of the twenty best barrels from the best vineyard lots of the vintage, this small-lot, reserve cuvée represents the pinnacle of the Black Stallion Estate Winery portfolio.

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet in hue, Transcendent Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of depth, poise, and elegance. It opens with luxurious aromas of blackberry, cinnamon and cassis and continues into a flavor palate defined by ripe fruit, dark jam, and savory notes. Hearty, yet velvety tannins lead to a balanced and lingering finish.

GROWING SEASON

Despite an unusually dry winter and warm spring, the 2021 growing season produced exceptionally high-quality fruit, some of the best in recent years. Early precipitation led to an ideal environment for our grapes to flower, bloom, and set in early spring. However, a lack of rainfall for the rest of the season reduced yields. The even ripening in the summer months allowed for the grapes to develop bright, fresh, clean fruit flavors. This moderate weather and long ripening time was instrumental for developing smooth, flavorful, and exquisitely balanced wines. All in all, this was a remarkable year to taste the unique characteristics and terroir from Napa Valley's diverse regions.

VINEYARD

The fruit for this vintage is sourced from the finest growers of Napa Valley, making Transcendent an expression of the best of the valley. The wide-range of AVAs allows for the winemaking team to create an exquisitely balanced blend. The Cabernet Sauvignon from the higher elevations contribute to the structure, texture, and concentrated flavor in the wine, while the fruits from the valley contribute to the elegant tannins.

WINEMAKING

A meticulous – or some might say obsessive – pursuit of perfection underlies each step taken to craft this Cabernet. The fruit was handpicked in the cool embrace of early morning, preserving the delicate nature of the fruit. The berries were then destemmed, crushed, and subjected to a three-day cold soak in both open and closed top small stainless-steel tanks, allowing for an enhanced color and aromatic complexity. Following this initial stage, the must was allowed to warm and was inoculated with yeast to initiate fermentation. Throughout this vital process, gentle pump-overs and pump-downs were performed three times a day to ensure optimal tannin and flavor extraction until the wine dried. After fermentation, the wine was drained and pressed before being transferred to French oak barrels (98% new) and aged for 21 months. As the lots aged separately, periodic tastings evaluated their quality. The best barrels were earmarked as potential components of Transcendent. The final wine is a culmination of countless rounds of blind tastings and trial blends.

VINTAGE: 2021

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

BARREL AGING: 21 months in French oak barrels (98% new)

RS: 0.06 g/100ml • PH: 3.69g • TOTAL ACID: 0.60 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 15.0%



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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

