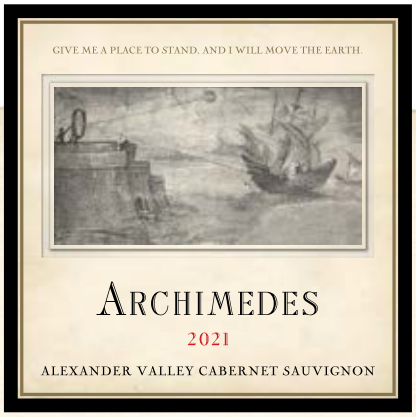

"Give me a place to stand, and I will move the Earth."
–ARCHIMEDES

2021 Archimedes

Considered one of the greatest mathematical minds of all time, Archimedes of ancient Greece was a physicist, astronomer, engineer, and inventor. The lever, compound pulley, and hydraulic screw are among his many inventions. As legend has it, Archimedes defeated the Roman army at sea by creating enormous reflective devices which harnessed the sun's rays to ignite and burn their ships. The painting reproduced on our label memorializes this amazing moment in history. Having admired this great innovator, Francis Ford Coppola's grandfather Augusto named his first son Archimedes. With this wine, we pay homage to Uncle Archimedes, a man who loved math and mechanics as much as his namesake.

Elevation

Archimedes is sourced from high elevation vineyards in Alexander Valley. High elevation means prolonged sun exposure and less dramatic temperature shifts. Vines can synthesize flavor and phenolic compounds at a higher and more consistent rate. Light onshore winds also work to moderate the temperature. Together, these conditions allow for a slow, steady ripening of the grapes, even when bud break is delayed after a dusting of snow during the winter.

The fruit selected for the 2021 Archimedes comes from three separate vineyards in Alexander Valley. Archimedes Vineyard, in the Pine Mountain Cloverdale Peak sub-AVA, is one of the highest elevation vineyards in Sonoma County. Residing high above the fog line at 2,100 feet, it features soil made of medium-sized rocks mixed with a fine loam. The Dayton Vineyard is in Northern Alexander Valley. Well-drained Josephine loam combined with the warm summer nights of the growing season and the vineyard's elevation all promote ripe dark fruit flavors when the grapes reach full maturity. Finally, The Farrow Ranch Vineyard provides additional flavor notes as well as structure and tannins that are essential parts of Archimedes.

Winemaker's Notes

Crafted for the true connoisseur, Archimedes is produced in very limited quantities from the vintage's most impressive lots of Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2021 vintage stared off cold and dry. Initially inconsistent weather patterns created a lighter crop, but mild to warm weather later provided perfect conditions to develop concentration and flavor. The 2021 Archimedes was aged over a year and a half in French oak barrels, resulting in a beautifully integrated wine.

Tasting Notes

Dark and dramatic in color, the 2021 Archimedes presents robust aromatic impressions of blueberry, black currant, caramel, and toffee. Rich, smooth tannins complement a full array of flavors, including plum, dark chocolate, white pepper, tobacco, and anise – each adding to the balanced complexity of a stunning and sophisticated vintage.

Andrea Card, Winemaker

Appellation: Alexander Valley	
Blend: 93.8% Cabernet Sauvignon 4.4% Malbec, 1.6% Petit Verdot, 0.2% Other	
Alcohol: 15.0%	
Barrel Regimen: 20 months in French oak barrels, 80% new oak.	
Acid: .65g/100ml	**pH:** 3.58
Cases Produced: 1,568	

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