



Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage started off cold and dry. We saw some unique spring fever symptoms due to the lack of water in the soil profile that prevented the vital nutrients from moving to the vine along with cold nights that stunted growth in some areas. When bloom came around, we saw record heat spikes along with windy cold weather, these inconsistent weather patterns impacted the crop set which created a lighter crop overall. Once we got to set, we saw textbook growing conditions with mild to warm temperatures, perfect weather to ripen the crop and develop phenolic concentration and flavor. Due to the third year of being in a drought, some properties ran out of water early. With the lighter crop and lack of water, we started the harvest off a touch earlier in August and finished the last grapes before Halloween. Overall, a very nice harvest with beautiful, concentrated wines.

VITICULTURE

The fruit used to craft this wine was sourced from a diverse range of terroirs. These top sub-appellations each lend a range of unique influences to the final blend. AVA's include:

- Dry Creek Valley: One of the smallest AVA's in size (16 miles long by two miles wide), offering a dense concentration of floor, benchland and hillside vineyards.
- Alexander Valley: 75 miles north of San Francisco and stretching 26 miles alongside the Russian River. The Mediterranean climate offers cool ocean breezes along with warm summer days.
- Red Hill Lake County: Located in the northern Mayacamas Mountains and comprised of dozens of volcanic hills ranging from 1,350 to over 3,700 feet above sea level.

WINEMAKING

Picking decisions were determined by winemakers after multiple vineyard visits during ripening. Individual vineyards and blocks were kept separate during fermentations to focus unique site characteristics. Fermentations were tasted daily with adjustments to pump-over timing to optimize gentle extraction of aromatics and color, while rounding and developing tannins. Grapes were pressed off skins based on tannin expression, within a few days of dryness, keeping press fractions separate when desired for wine texture. Lots were aged on oak and racked 2-3 times prior to final blend and bottling. The lots in the blend were specifically selected for dark fruit and ripe character, and rounded yet firm tannin, indicative of the mountains that run through the center of California's north coast, uniting Napa, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino counties. Merlot and Malbec aid in rounding the mid pallet and lifting the fruit, Cab Franc for touch of rustic depth, while Petit Verdot and Petit Sirah enhance purple color hues and juicy black fruit and floral aromas.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is the inaugural vintage of the Black Stallion North Coast Collection – a prestigious appellation on the California coast that continues our signature profile of slightly softer, and approachable Cabernet Sauvignon. This rich and refined wine does not require years of further aging to achieve ideal balance and can be enjoyed upon release. The wine opens with stunning aromas of raspberry, blackberry, and toasty notes of cedar; the palate carries bold, velvety flavors of dark cherry, juicy plum and a hint of baking spice. Intense, concentrated fruit and round tannins with brightly balanced acidity extends to an elegant finish.

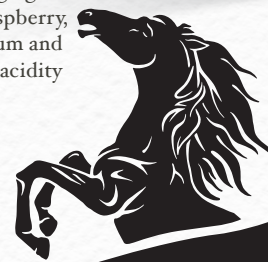
VINTAGE: 2021 • APPELLATION: *North Coast*

FERMENTATION: 100% Malolactic Fermentation

PH: 3.75g • TOTAL ACID: 0.54 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 14.5%

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