



# BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

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 some of the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Bucephalus brings abundant aromas of cassis, sandalwood, and clove. It boasts rich, luxurious layers of blackberry, dark cherry, and maple syrup. The harmonious integration of French oak creates a finely balanced marriage between tannin and acid, providing the structure of this intensely rich wine.

## 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 2021 vintage was crafted using some of the best grapes found in the Napa Valley, a significant portion coming from the Atlas Peak AVA. Grapes sourced from mountainous AVAs, like Atlas Peak, have a high concentration and immense depth. The rest of the fruit was sourced from the Oak Knoll District and other Napa Valley AVAs, bringing balance and a softer texture to the blend. A small amount of Malbec, Syrah, and a hint of Petite Verdot were added to the 2021 Bucephalus. The blend between these grapes and the Cabernet Sauvignon make for a perfectly balanced wine.

## WINEMAKING

The fruits for this blend were handpicked in the early morning coolness, hours before the heat of the sun could warm 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. After soaking, the must was allowed to warm and was inoculated with yeast to begin fermentation. Gentle pump overs were done during the primary stages of fermentation three times a day until the wine dried. Once the wine was dry, it was drained and pressed with both free run and press fractions before a portion being aged for approximately 20 months in 92% new French oak barrels. The wine was then racked to tank unfinned and crossflow filtered for bottling.

## VINTAGE: 2021

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec, 12% Syrah, 1% Petite Verdot

APPELLATION: 38% Atlas Peak, 37% Napa Valley, 25% Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

BARREL AGING: 20 months in French oak barrels (92% new)

RS: 0.07g/100ml • PH: 3.75g • TOTAL ACID: 0.62 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 15.0%



## 2021 BUCEPHALUS NAPA VALLEY

### RED WINE BLEND

