

# MIRROR

## NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021



### WINEMAKING:

Hand harvested at peak ripeness of small, concentrated clusters, from middle-aged vines rooted in the red dirt of clay loam soils on a gentle slope between the rising foothills and the valley floor. Traditional fermentation with 22 days on the skins, followed by native malolactic fermentation over the first 6 months, stirred in barrel, with a total of 22 months aging in 75% new French oak.

### TASTING NOTES:

Pour on the intensity! This marvelously extracted Cabernet is full of wow factor. It begins dark and brooding in the glass, typical of the '21 vintage throughout Napa Valley. 2021 will be long remembered for the intense drought that naturally thinned vineyards by way of smaller berry size and smaller clusters thus reducing yields in many vineyards by 40 to 70%. The result was profound color and extraction and this '21 is no exception. Beginning with a dark, brooding notes of kirsch, cassis, blackberry jelly jar, French barrel vanillin and rose potpourri each dance to fill the glass. As this wine opens, more surreal notes of black fruit, dried cherry, hints of tar and barrel toast come through on the palate. The acid lightly bounces from wall to wall in the mouth to allow a 2-minute glide on the finish. This is the making of a wonderful 15-to-20-year wine.

### TECHNICAL DATA:

Varietal: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyards: Stagecoach, Larkmead, Beckstoffer George 3, Oakville 360, & Destin Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.1 %

Total Production: 333 cases

Retail: \$110.00 / 750 mL