2021 AFFINITY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2021 bottling of Affinity marks our departure (at least for the next few years) from the La Londe Vineyard in Coombsville. For this vintage, we looked to our mountain estate vineyards on Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder to provide the backbone of the wine, rounded out by a handful of longtime Napa Valley growers who have long contributed to this hillside Bordeaux blend. We continue to produce a wine that is powerful and ageworthy, yet supple enough to be enjoyed upon release. More so than ever, Affinity provides savvy Craig lovers with a Napa collectible at a tremendous price point.

The 2021 vintage of Affinity Cabernet Sauvignon is marked by an increase in power and complexity over more fruit-driven wines from Southern Napa in previous vintages. The mineral, graphite and black thorny-vine fruits are all on full display in this mountain sourced wine. The tiny clusters that proliferated in 2021 at high elevations in the Napa Valley provide strength and structure in this deeply colored Bordeaux blend. A more judicious use of new French Oak helps the dark fruit to pour from the glass and extend on the palate.



Howell Mountain:

- Winery Estate Vineyard: Yields average 1.8 tons/ acre giving fruit power and expression of site.
- Candlestick Ridge Estate Vinevard: Pure, white volcanic tufa soils provide excellent drainage while ensuring low yields and deeply flavored wine grapes

Mount Veeder:

Amentet Estate Vineyard: Sandy, gravel-based soils of shale with sandstone topsoil produce wines that are black in color with very low PH values and naturally high acids.

VINTAGE

- In 2021, the vines continued their recovery from the fires of 2020, a situation compounded by ongoing drought.
- Precision winemaking was crucial, especially in mountain vineyards, where yields were down a staggering 60%.
- Our vineyard management team did a masterful job managing the vineyards, ensuring the wines captured this shy-bearing vintage's undeniable charm along with its somewhat brooding dark floral qualities and opaque structure.

BLEND 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 3% Petite Verdot

HARVEST DATE September 3-13, 2021

TA 6.0g/L PH 3.72 ALCOHOL 14.8%

BARREL AGING 18 mo. French oak; 55% new. Unfiltered & unfined.

BOTTLING DATE May 24-25, 2023

CASES PRODUCED 1332

PRICE CA SRP \$76.00

