

## 2021 NOISETTE CUVÉE NAPA VALLEY

#### THE VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season in Napa Valley was close to optimal with minimal heat spikes and long, steady fruit ripening. Having received little rainfall during the winter and spring months, the drought conditions resulted in naturally lower yields and smaller berries. Not only did this positively impact the fruit, but it reduced the need for significant intervention in the vineyard. This confluence of weather conditions bestowed fruit that was extremely concentrated in flavor, color, and mature tannin, all of which are essential to crafting stellar wines.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

The 2021 Noisette blend is comprised of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, and 9% Merlot. Loaded with just-ripe fruits and mercurial in nature, the nose opens with Luxardo cherries, blueberry, and Nag Champa incense, unfolding into more savory notes of five spice and oyster shell. Full-bodied and mouth-coating, flavors of blackberry and cocoa powder give way to structured tannins and a long finish.

#### **PAIRINGS**

Barbecued pork ribs with a tangy sauce, quinoa salad with roasted vegetables and goat cheese, beef bourguignon with mushrooms and pearl onions.

#### **TECHNICAL INFO**

# VARIETAL COMPOSITION

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc and 9% Merlot

#### **AVA**

Napa Valley

#### **AGING**

Aged in 100% French oak for 20 months

#### **BOTTLING DATE**

March 8, 2023

### **ALCOHOL**

13.5%

#### **PRODUCTION**

271 9-liter cases