

2021  
APERTURE  
DEL RIO VINEYARD  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
SINGLE VINEYARD

# Aperture

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

Our grapes are hand-harvested and brought to the winery within hours of being picked. Every cluster is methodically hand sorted through three sets of sorting tables before being optically sorted to specific preferences. The berries then cold soak for 4-7 days with minimal air incorporation, allowing for complex color and tannin extraction.

Native yeast start our cooler fermentations to preserve the unique aromas of the terroir. Air, temperature, and extractions are controlled throughout the 14-24 day fermentation through our automated pumpover system. Extended maceration is determined lot by lot when we walk the fine line between full extraction and maintaining an elegant texture. Wines go through malolactic fermentation naturally in barrel and are aged (sur-lie) for 22 months.

— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**



**APPELLATION**

Alexander Valley

**VARIETAL**

Cabernet Sauvignon

**BLEND**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**BARREL PROGRAM**

Aged 22 months  
100% new oak  
60 gallon French oak barrels

**UNFINED, UNFILTERED  
AND UN-ACIDIFIED**

**VINEYARD**

From one of the steepest hillside vineyards at the top of Chalk Hill Road in the southeast corner of Alexander Valley, this exquisite site creates incredibly gorgeous wines with delicate, soft tannins that melt into the juicy dark fruits of this powerful cabernet.

**SOIL TYPE** | Chalky Volcanic

With little organic material, these soils help to control growth and vigor and increase concentration and complexity in the wine.

**ACCOLADES**

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Del Rio Vineyard was matured for 22 months in 100% new French oak. It has pure, layered scents of cassia, blueberries, milk chocolate, lilac, aniseed and conifer. The medium-bodied palate boasts a deep well of spicy fruit underpinned by iron-like tones. It has a seamless structure, offering an ideal balance of fresh acidity and cashmere-textured tannins, and a very long finish with a flourish of spice and floral perfume. This will be long lived in bottle!”

**97+ points**

**-Erin Brooks, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**