

2021  
APERTURE  
CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON

# Aperture

**WINEMAKER NOTES** All of our fruit is hand harvested and brought into the winery within hours of being picked. Everything is methodically and obsessively sorted. A cold soak of 4-7 days with minimal air incorporation starts the extraction and then cool fermentations with native yeast carry out the remaining. Air and temperature are controlled throughout the 14-28 day fermentation and extended maceration is determined lot by lot when I walk the fine line of full extraction but still keep an elegant and silky texture. Wines go through malolactic fermentation in barrel and are aged (sur-lees) for 18 months.

Focusing first on the Cabernet fruit from our mineral-rich, volcanic soil sites nestled on the hillside slopes in the Alexander Valley. This vintage's blend is uniquely crafted with delicate inclusions of Petit Verdot and Merlot, and a hint of Malbec and Cabernet Franc showcasing intense black fruits enriched with lengthy velvety tannins.

— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**



**APPELLATION**

Sonoma County

**VARIETAL**

Cabernet Sauvignon

**BLEND**

85% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Petit Verdot  
5% Merlot  
3% Malbec  
1% Cabernet Franc

**BARREL PROGRAM**

Aged 18 months  
55% new oak  
59 and 70 gallon French oak barrels

**UNFINED, UNFILTERED  
AND UN-ACIDIFIED**

**ALC 14.6%**

**VINEYARD**

Mix of eastern hillsides that are South and South West facing with a bench land block. Hillside Cabernet vineyard sites, all with mineral-rich volcanic soils, are always the first focus of this blend.

**SOIL TYPE** | Volcanic

For our Cabernet, we specifically work with some of the most unique sites throughout Alexander Valley that focus on well drained, volcanic soils. With little organic material, these soils help to control vigor and growth and increase concentration and complexity in the wine. Many of these unique soils are in the Eastern hillsides of the appellation and display an amazing rich, red color.

**ACCOLADES**

"Aperture's estate vineyard in Healdsburg and their newest vineyard acquisition, Farrow Ranch in Alexander Valley, plus some of the original single vineyards in the Aperture program like Oliver Ranch. It has vibrant, layered aromas of blueberry compote, lavender, aniseed, milk chocolate and nutmeg with undertones of cast iron and tobacco leaves. The medium-bodied palate is elegantly styled, pairing deep flavors with a weightless feel due to its bright acidity and velvety tannins. It has a long, latent finish and deserves 3-5 years in bottle." **96 points**

**-Erin Brooks**

**Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**