

2021
APERTURE
OLIVER RANCH VINEYARD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SINGLE VINEYARD

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WINEMAKER NOTES

Our grapes are hand-harvested and delivered to the winery within hours of being picked. Every cluster is methodically and obsessively sorted through 3 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 carry out cooler fermentations to preserve the unique aromas of the terroir. Air and temperature are controlled throughout the 14-24 day fermentation, and extended maceration is determined lot by lot when I walk the fine line between full extraction and keeping an elegant, silky 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
80% new oak
60 gallon French oak barrels

**UNFINED, UNFILTERED
AND UN-ACIDIFIED**

ALC 14.6%

VINEYARD

Coming from the custom vineyard that the legendary viticulture specialist Phil Freese planted in 1989 to showcase one of the best sites in California, this cabernet always demonstrates a remarkable sense of site. These vines grow on a gravelly plateau that creates well-concentrated fruit that holds remarkable acidity and vibrant freshness.

SOIL TYPE | Volcanic Loam

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.

ACCOLADES

“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Oliver Ranch was matured for 22 months in 80% new French oak. It takes some patience on the nose as it unfurls its aromas of blackcurrant, blueberry, cast iron, lilac, fennel and gingerbread spices. Its classy oak tones are nestled into a concentrated core of detailed fruit on the palate, and it has a weightless frame of velvety tannins. It's noticeably energetic with bright acidity and has a very long, latent finish. In place of its typical density, this 2021 vintage of Oliver Ranch offers tremendous purity and elegance.”

97+ points

-Erin Brooks

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate