



CINNABAR
WINERY

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Red Hills Lake County

Vineyards

Rubio Vineyards, Lake County

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.1% pH: 3.60

Acidity: 0.65g/100ml

Production: 42 cases Release

Date: Sept 23, 2023

Tasting Notes

Aromas of vanilla, licorice, and raspberries. Pairs well with rosemary braised lamb shanks or grilled rib-eye steak.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into French Oak barrels for maturation. 16 months French Oak barrels, 40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% neutral.

The Grape

Cabernet Sauvignon is a natural cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc that occurred in Southern France in the 1800s. It also is a major variety used in red Bordeaux wines. In California, Cabernet Sauvignon is the most widely planted red wine grape. A long-season variety, Cabernet requires ample time to fully ripen, resulting in rich, age-worthy wines. It is a fascinating wine to produce, as its various growing locations throughout California, will offer up many unique styles.

The Land

The Red Hills Lake County AVA is an American Viticultural Area located in Lake County, California. The wine region lies along the southwestern shores of Clear Lake. Volcanic soils originate from neighboring Mount Konocti, producing well-drained vineyards rich in black obsidian, quartz crystals and volcanic gravel content, and are strikingly red in color. With the elevations near 2,500', the air in summer is warm with very low humidity and the evenings can be very cool. The Red Hills AVA produces a very distinct, full bodied and rich wine which truly reflects its terrior.

The Season

The 2021 season began with sunny skies and a warm spring. But with the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. But the silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity. Overall, an excellent vintage!

