



**CINNABAR**  
WINERY

# 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## Santa Cruz Mountains

### Vineyards

NR Vineyards, Saratoga, CA

**Vintner** Ron Mosley

**Winemaker** Alejandro Aldama

### Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.0% pH: 3.75

Acidity: 0.58g/100ml

Production: 115 cases

Bottling Date: Aug 24, 2023

Release Date: Aug 15, 2024

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of violet, blueberry, tobacco, and earthy dried herb aromatics typical of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Pairs well with rosemary braised lamb shanks, mushroom blue cheese turkey burgers, and moussaka.

### The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into French & American Oak barrels for maturation. 22 months French & American Oak barrels, 40% new, 60% 1 year old.

### 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.

### The Land

This two acre Cabernet Vineyard is located in the Santa Cruz Mountain appellation, in the hills above Saratoga. It has a perfect western sloped face exposure to capture the warm afternoon sun. Most of the vineyard is dry farmed, which further concentrates the fruit. The vineyard is very close to the original Paul Masson vineyard plantings of 100 years ago. And wine writer James Laube, from the wine spectater, has wondered if this area has some of the greatest Cabernet Vineyards in California. Growing grapes here for over 35 years - there is no question that it does!

### The Season

The year began with sunny skies and a warm spring. With the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. 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!

