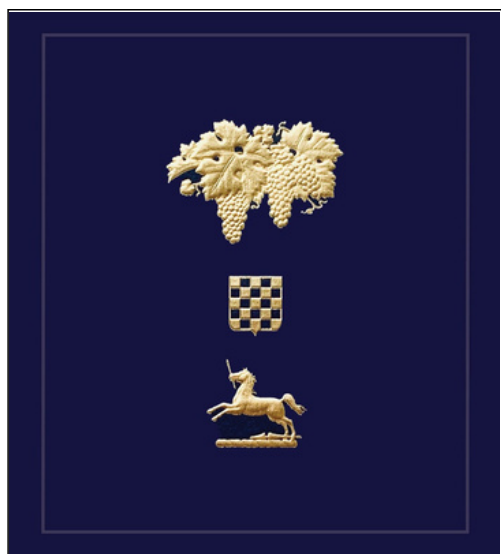


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2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Paradise Block, Yountville Old Vine



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol	14.5% by volume
Fermentation	indigenous yeast; 3-4 weeks of skin contact
Harvest date	Sept. 24 - Oct. 4, 2021
Sugar	24.1° Brix (average)
Bottling date	August 2023
Release date	Fall 2025
Total acid	5.5 g/L
pH	3.73
Time in oak	20 months
Type of oak	100% French oak; 50% new barrels
Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon



the vintage

The growing season was free from severe weather issues, and despite the drought, our yield increased five percent from 2020. We had no significant rainfall past February, so mild spring and summer conditions provided an ideal environment for grapes to flower, bloom, and set in early spring. Notably cooler temperatures in August and September allowed us to pick each block at its ideal point of ripeness, leading to outstanding quality and great concentration in the fruit.

the vineyard

The Paradise Block is a meticulous selection from our Yountville Blocks 6 and 7—historically, part of our old-vine Cabernet blend. Over the years, we've found that these blocks consistently produce low yields but deliver exceptional quality, with outstanding tannin structure and expressive fruit character.

To craft our Paradise Block blend, we carefully identify and mark the individual vines within these blocks that consistently yield the finest fruit. This selection is informed by decades of experience working with these vines since their planting in 1959, allowing us to pinpoint those that reliably produce the highest quality. Each year, these select vines are harvested separately, ensuring the utmost precision and excellence.

In essence, Paradise Block represents both a single-vineyard and single-vine selection from our oldest and most exceptional Cabernet vines in Yountville.

the wine

Paradise Block is the epitome of elegance opening with aromas of ripe cassis, orange peel, hints of blueberry, raspberry, and red pepper followed by undertones of dried herbs, citrus rind and sandalwood. On the palate, the wine displays a dense but silky tannin structure leading to complex flavors of juicy red cassis, blackberries and fresh figs supported by hints of cocoa, sel de mer and bay leaves. The finish is exceedingly long and memorable.