

2021 STAR LANE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



ALCOHOL	AGED	OAK
14.5%	21 months	35% New French
HARVESTED Sept-Oct 2021	BOTTLED July 2023	CELLAR LIFE 20 years

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Vintage

2021 presented unique challenges specific to Star Lane that we didn't see in the Sta. Rita Hills. Frost events at the end of 2020 before the vines went dormant impacted early Spring growth in 2021. This lead to uneven bud break timing, shoot growth, and flowering. While challenging, we've learned over the years of farming that grapevines are very resilient and that great wine is not made but discovered. The craft is to embrace the discovery of each vintage. 2021 was no exception to this rule. We had to remove fruit from short shoots, saw dramatic reduction in yields, but had near perfect weather all year and observed intense flavors, and terrific tannin development that created very structured wines. 2021 has notions of both 2019's fresh structure and 2020s intense forward fruit. The blend is Cabernet Sauvignon 82%; Cab Franc 6%; Petite Verdot 6%; Merlot 5%, Malbec 1%

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WINEMAKER NOTES

2021 gave us fruit with natural energy and balance, allowing the vineyard to speak with uncommon purity. The result is a Cabernet Sauvignon defined by freshness, fine structure, and transparency rather than power alone. The 2021 vintage highlights the inherent class of this single vineyard site: pushing pure blue fruits like blueberry alongside characteristic sage and floral notes, all built on a precise mouthfeel structured to deliver for a long time.

96 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Star Lane Vineyard is a fabulous wine that shows how compelling Cabernet Sauvignon can be in Happy Canyon. Rich, heady, and explosive, the 2021 has it all. A rush of dark-toned fruit, black olives, leather, tobacco and incense all saturate the palate. This old-school, structured Cabernet is tremendous. What a wine." Antonio Galloni, July 2024

94 Points Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon shows the fresher, elegant style of the vintage, with perfumed redcurrant and darker berry fruits as well as classic notes of cedar pencil, sappy herbs, and spicy, floral nuances. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, this medium to full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon is balanced, has fine, nicely integrated tannins, and a great finish. It will have 15 years of longevity" Jeb Dunnuck, August 2024