



# CULT

*The Beauvigne Collection*

VINTAGE 2021

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Our Napa Valley winery is devoted exclusively to making influential luxury Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Sauvignon Blends. Taking inspiration from our founding winemaker Dave Phinney who sought out to make red wines that would compete with the greatest wines of the world. This tradition was enhanced by the addition of winemaker Kirk Venge in 2008 through 2018/19 who obtained a perfect 100 Points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. Present-day winemaking is now in the hands of genius Julien Fayard who hails from Château Lafite-Rothschild and Atelier Melka before becoming the most brilliant new winemaker in Napa Valley.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2021 marks the 13th Anniversary of CULT Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine offers a deep purple hue as well as beautiful purity in its assorted blue fruits as well as notes of violets. It has sweet tannins, a seamless, layered, elegant mouthfeel, a beautiful sense of balance, and a great finish. While it's made in a much more elegant, seamless style compared to previous vintage, it shines for its remarkable purity.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

In 2021, Napa Valley experienced a dream vintage with even ripeness, and flowering. It will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in region. The drought resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor.

### 93/100 JAMES SUCKLING

A firm and structured red with dark berries, cassis, dark cherries, dried herbs and baking spices. Full body with fine, firm tannins. Dense and chewy with a muscular dimension on the palate and a focused finish with excellent length.

### 93/100 JEB DUNNUCK

Violets, blue fruits, graphite, chocolate, and spice oak all emerge from the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Cult, a glass-staining, full-bodied red from this team offering good purity and freshness, some firmer tannins, and outstanding length.

ABOUT THE WINE	VINTAGE	2021
	APPELLATION	Napa Valley
	BOTTLING DATE	August 2023
	ALCOHOL	14.9%
	BARREL AGE	19 Months
	OAK PROFILE	68% New French Oak 32% Neutral Oak
	BLEND	93% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

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### VINEYARDS

Cabernet Sauvignon is a defining wine in our portfolio — a rare and extraordinary wine, primarily from two stunning vineyards.

#### RUTHERFORD:

The Rutherford vineyard estate is nestled between Napa River to the east and Conn Creek to the west. The soil composition is sedimentary, gravel soils. In the gravelly areas toward the eastern section in the vineyards, it is planted the Cabernet Sauvignon, and a couple accompanied varietals. The vines within the gravel soils struggle intensely yielding super intense wines, with incredibly dense, round tannin structure, and deep complex aromatics.

#### OAKVILLE:

The Oakville Bench vineyard is located just north of the town of Yountville. This vineyard sits at the base of the Mayacamas Mountain Range. This site is neighbored by acclaimed vineyards including To Kalon, Missouri Hopper, and Martha's Vineyard. The site's wonderfully gravelly earth, well-drained soils, sloping grade and mature vines produce a wine of complexity, nuance, and elegance. The yields are a meager 1.3- 1.5 tons to the acre.

### ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE

- 2011 "one of my highest rated 2011 Cabernet Sauvignons" - Robert Parker (96/100)
- 2012 "Beau Vigne's top wine is the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Cult" - Robert Parker (98+/100)
- 2013 "a moonless night. It offers fabulous fruit and incredible density" - Robert Parker (96/100 points)
- 2014 "deep, rich, full-bodied, multi-dimensional, with stunning opulence" - Robert Parker (96/100 points)
- 2016 "fresh with loads of black and blue fruit layers, finishing long" - Lisa Perrotti-Brown (96/100 points)
- 2017 "mouth-coating dried berries and exotic spice flavors" - Lisa Perrotti-Brown (91+/100 points)
- 2018 "loads of exotic spice...and oodles of freshness" - Lisa Perrotti-Brown (92+/100 points)
- 2019 "black currants, juicy black plums and mulberries" - Robert Parkers Wine Advocate (92+/100 points)
- 2021 "intense, dark-berried fruit, this full-bodied effort boasts soft, melted tannins" - Robert Parkers Wine Advocate (92/100 points)

### TASTING PANEL

- 2019 "Sumptuous, bold, and statuesque, this lushly textured red" - (97/100 points)
- 2020 "We find dense notes of plum jam, fennel, and unearthed blackberries. Stain textured, with voluptuous tannins and a fleshy mouthfeel. Shaved cocoa and nutmeg, with a nuance of black tea and sandalwood" - (94/100 points)

### JAMES SUCKLING

- 2021 "A firm and structured red with dark berries, cassis, dark cherries, dried herbs and baking spices" - (93/100 points)

### JEB DUNNICK

- 2021 "Violets, blue fruits, graphite, chocolate, and spice oak all emerge, a glass-staining, full-bodied reds" - (93/100 points)