



CINNABAR
WINERY

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON DENICE VINEYARD Santa Clara Valley

Vineyards

Denice Vineyard, Santa Clara Valley

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.7% pH: 3.75
Acidity: 0.62g/100ml
Production: 115 cases
Bottling Date: Aug 24, 2023
Release Date: Nov 1, 2024



Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Tasting Notes A soft, smooth wine with rich blackberry aromas and earthy hints of tobacco, cloves, and pepper. This wine will provide drinking pleasure through 2030 with proper cellaring. Pairs well with lasagna, steak salad with gorgonzola, and best of all - double chocolate cake.

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 in oak, 25% new French, 25 new American, 50% 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. It is a fascinating wine to produce, as its various growing locations throughout California, will offer up many unique styles, waiting to be captured by the winemaker.

The Land Denice Ranch is located on the west side of the Santa Clara Valley, at the base of the foothills. The soil is fertile and well drained. The vineyard reflects the site with a perfect balance between fruit and the canopy. Resulting in grapes with excellent color and aromas.

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!