

2021 SEVEN APART EXPEDITION

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

1500 CASES HANDCRAFTED BY WINEMAKER ANDY ERICKSON

VINEYARD

2021 was a great vintage for Napa Valley. Limited winter and spring rains resulted in lower than normal yields due to smaller berries. These drought conditions followed by a perfect summer season allowed the winemakers to obtain optimal balanced ripeness. As a result, the wines are well-structured, full-bodied, and intensely flavored.

WINEMAKING

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, and 43% New French Oak. The grapes are hand harvested at night to ensure that the grapes come in cold in order to minimize oxidation. The grapes are slowly fermented at cooler temperatures to help preserve aromas. Once the initial fermentation is complete, the wine is transferred to French oak barrels where Malolactic fermentation takes place to soften and stabilize the wines. The wine is then racked off its lees and aged for 18 months in barrels before bottling.



TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Expedition is another classic example of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Out of the bottle, this wine is beautifully rich in color with an intense ruby hue towards the edge of the glass. On the nose, the wine greets you with aromas of dark red cherries, blackberries, and ripe cranberries. This is complemented by understated notes of baking spice, seamlessly blended oak, and hints of flint and fresh-cut cedar. On the palate, the wine greets you with soft tannins and vibrant freshness that builds to a well-balanced midpalate, giving way to a luscious, lingering finish brimming with layers of ripe black plum, raspberries, blackberry coulis, licorice, and a hint of mocha.

AGING

Approachable upon releases. Cellaring 5-8 years will reward with a slightly developed bottle bouquet. Can age 25+ years.