

2021 SEVEN APART SHALE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

9 BARRELS HANDCRAFTED BY ANDY ERICKSON
AVAILABLE BY ALLOCATION

VINEYARD

Produced from the exceptional Stags Ridge Vineyard, located on Atlas Peak at 1450 feet elevation. 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.

AGING

Approachable upon release for lovers of young wine. Cellaring 5-8 years will reward with a slightly developed bottle bouquet. This wine is built for longevity, easily aging 25+ years. Decanting this wine 1-2 hours is recommended.



TASTING NOTES

Visually, this wine is a deep, intense burgundy. On the nose, the wine greets you with bright aromas of ripe blackberries, black cherries, dried herbs, a hint of baking spices, chocolate, and a soft minerality. On the palate, the wine is well-balanced with a pleasant approach that slowly builds to a generous and focused mid-palate laden with dry soft tannins that lead to a lasting, luscious finish brimming with flavors of dried black plum, black cherry, hibiscus, and red currant.

WINE MAKING

100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 57% New French Oak, unfined and unfiltered. The fruit was hand harvested at night between October 6th and October 19th to ensure it arrived cold in order to minimize oxidation. The grapes were slowly fermented at cooler temperatures to help preserve aromas. Once the initial fermentation was complete, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels where Malolactic fermentation takes place to soften and stabilize the wine. The wine was then racked off its lees and aged for 24 months in barrels before it was bottled on December 18th. The release is taking effect in February of 2024.

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