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## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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*Andrews Family Vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Washington State*

### VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### BOTTLED | RELEASE DATE

August 2023 | September 2024

### VINEYARD BLOCKS | CLONES

CS98, CS03, CS16 | Clone 8

### TA | PH

5.9 g/L | 3.86

### VOLUME

200 Cases

## TASTING NOTES

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The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromatics of lavender, sage, and black currants. With a little time, violets, blood orange, strawberries, and graphite reveal themselves. For such a young wine, the palate is already harmoniously polished with elegant black and red fruit, delicate tannins, and an unending finish. Refined minerality, a trace of espresso, and terroir of place come into a wine with endless aging potential.

## GROWING SEASON

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In 2021, the temperature at Andrews Family Vineyards and across Washington State was the highest on record. We kept a large canopy of vine leaves to protect the fruit from the extreme heat and extend the ripening period. When we had an unexpected heatwave in late June, which lasted for ten days and reached temperatures of between 105-118°F (40-48°C), the intact canopies helped to preserve the vibrancy and freshness in the berries. This is yet another example of how the best wine is grown in the vineyard rather than made in the winery, farming practices we pride ourselves on.

## VINIFICATION

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Vinification methods including concrete fermenters and extended skin contact were matched to the specifics of block and fruit characteristics. The result is a complex blend that accentuates the individuality of each block. The wine was aged over 23 months in 75% new French oak, followed by 13 months in bottle.