



# FLANAGAN

## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



APPELLATION	Sonoma County
HARVEST DATE	Sept 28 & Oct 8th 2021
pH	3.66
TA	5.97
ABV	14.5%
BARREL AGING	Aged in Atelier and boutes barrels, 55% new
CASES PRODUCED	497
RELEASE DATE	September 2024

### PRODUCTION NOTES

The spring of 2021 was extremely dry. There was very little rain in the winter of 2020-2021 and we moved back into serious drought conditions by early spring. The lack of soil moisture led to weaker shoot growth and poor fruit set. Inland vineyards were the most affected. Overall the crop in Sonoma County was about 15% below normal. Coming on the heels of the total disaster of 2020 (which had two major fires in the middle of the growing season) this left wineries scrambling to find fruit. The 2021 vintage is excellent but small. In 2021 we harvested the first crop from our spectacular Estate Vineyard and those grapes are the core of our 2021 Flanagan Cabernet.

Due to the two major fires in 2020 we did not make a 2020 Flanagan Sonoma County Cabernet. We also lost the first crop from our redeveloped Estate Cabernet vineyard that year. In addition to the financial loss we were disappointed to lose the estate fruit as this was our first crop from the site.

### TASTING NOTES

The nose has beautiful floral notes of Orange Blossom, Black Cherry Blossom, and Rose Petals. The palate has ripe Red Currant and Crème de Cassis notes that are complimented by darker fruits like Black Plum. There is a hint of Sandalwood on the finish. This wine is more open knit than my 2019 Cabernet and reminds me most of my 2015 vintage Cabernet. Like the 2015, this wine is delicious in its youth but, will age beautifully.

We make our Cabernets like Left Bank Bordeaux. We source from hillside sites that are cooler and allow us to make structured wines with good acidity, freshness, and tension. These are not over-ripe, flabby wines from hot valley floor sites. Balance and restraint are our watchwords. Our Estate Vineyard sits on a steep east facing hillside and is the perfect addition to our Cabernet program!