

**MARKHAM NAPA VALLEY VINEYARDS**

**MARKED PARCELS**

**CABERNET FRANC 2021**

**YOUNTVILLE RANCH VINEYARD**

**YOUNTVILLA AVA, NAPA VALLEY**



**This is the first crop of Cabernet Franc from our Yountville Ranch Estate. The grape can be bit tricky to grow and can sometimes require a bit of punishment to coax the best wines. Our first vintage is opaque purple, with aromas of mocha, black raspberry, baking spice and a graphite minerality. The finish is reminiscent of chocolate covered cherries, strawberry fruit leather and sweet tobacco.**

*"I remind myself repeatedly while walking the rows - "let it hang" - to make the best wine I can. This wine has young-vine enthusiasm that charms while being a bit unruly. A few years of bottle age will do this wine right."*

**WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS**

**YOUNTVILLE AVA**

- Nestled in the heart of Napa Valley, between Oakville to the north and Oak Knoll to the south
- Warm climate moderated by fog and breezes from the San Pablo Bay
- Summer temperatures reach low 90s and drop to mid-50s at night
- Red varietals are elegant & supple, with complex finely-knit tannins

**VINEYARD NOTES**

- Yountville AVA, Napa Valley
- 100% Estate Grown: Yountville Ranch Vineyard
- Certification: 100% NAPA GREEN LAND, 100% NAPA GREEN WINERY
- Clone: 214
- Soils: Bale Loam
- Harvest Date: October 16, 2021



## **HARVEST NOTES**

- The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields of intensely-aromatic, flavorful fruit, with a smooth and uneventful harvest season
- January and February saw rain, then almost no notable precipitation for flower, bloom and set
- Grapes ripened early and evenly during a summer with no heat spikes

## **VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

87% Cabernet Franc, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon

## **ALCOHOL**

14.9%

## **pH**

3.46

## **TA**

6.9 g/L

## **FERMENTATION**

100% Stainless Steel, 10 Days Skin Contact

## **AGING**

16 Months in French Oak, 50% New

## **BARRELS PRODUCED**

6

## **BOTTLING DATE**

August 2023

## **RELEASE DATE**

October 2025

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