



2021 Private Stock Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville -16 Rows

Established in 1871 and noted as the premier Napa Valley winery, Vine Cliff Vineyard and Winery was resurrected from ghost winery status in the 1980s. Vine Cliff Winery produces limited quantities of ultra-premium, estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon. The Vine Cliff Vineyard encompasses a hundred acre estate with various elevations and terraced slope orientations that range from valley floor to a bench vineyard at 680 feet elevation. Our wines are reflective of our unique and highly acclaimed terroir and made in a balanced style with layer upon layer of subtlety and complexity.

PRIVATE STOCK WINE PROFILE: The Private Stock name and logo are respectful of the original late 1800's wine that earned recognition as the premier wine of Napa Valley. Today we honor that history by using that label for the very limited best of the best that our vineyard produces each year. In years past there were 16 rows of vines in the mountain bench vineyard that consistently produced the best lots of Cabernet Sauvignon. While those rows required replanting, the memory of 16 Rows remains on the label.

TASTING NOTES: The 2021 Private Stock Cabernet Sauvignon is vibrant and well-structured even in its youth. Black currants, gravel, cloves, and baked almonds present themselves on the nose. Texturally weighty and silky, this wine will certainly open and gain complexity with age.

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in Napa Valley. While concerning in the long term, the drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Oakville Estate vineyard is essentially two different vineyards. The lower blocks are terraced into steep canyon walls layered in volcanic Andesite and Rhyolite rocks. These terrace contours provide complexity from the various orientations that face southeast, south, southwest and west. The upper blocks are planted on the Oakville Bench (affectionately called 'magic mountain'), a gentle sundrenched slope of red clay loam at 680' in elevation. The five Cabernet Sauvignon clones planted provide another layer of complexity to our wines. Our location in the Oakville appellation combined with our unique farming practices and low yield produces grapes and wine with incredible flavor and concentration.

SOIL: Volcanic origin Boomer gravelly loam

ELEVATION: 280'-680'

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Brix: Ave. 26.8 TA: 0.57g/100mL pH: 3.97 Alcohol: 14.5%

COOPERAGE COMPOSITION: 75% new French Oak

BARREL AGING: 18 months **PRODUCTION QUANTITY:** 125 cases

