

YARDSTICK

Ruth's Reach, Napa Valley

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD NOTES

A yardstick is an old basis for measurement which can be used as a baseline or reference point. Named for my younger sister Ruth, YARDSTICK Ruth's Reach Cabernet Sauvignon is just that. It's a signature taste of Napa Valley but without a high Napa Valley price. This vineyard is far enough south to receive regular morning fog from the San Pablo Bay, but far enough north to bask in the hot afternoon sun. Cool breezes flow north late in the day, preserving the grapes acidity and color. The soils here are alluvial browns which produce wines that are exceptionally rich with bright acidity and fine tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2021 was one of the longest ripening seasons for the past two decades. Seasons are starting earlier due to lack of water; creating early warm Spring soil temperatures. This is evened out with the August cooling trend at veraison. However, there was the heat spike over Mother's Day weekend which restricted the berry expansion. Yields were lighter with small berries and small clusters. All this led to unusually dense concentration.

TASTING NOTES

Youthful deep purple color. Aromas of deep dark blueberry, black cherry and plum. The palate is very full and rich with good tension and nerve throughout. This wine is very powerful in flavor with plum and vanilla nuances. The finish is long and supple. Drink now through 2036.



VINTAGE

2021

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION/ VINEYARD / ELEVATION

Napa Valley / Ruth's Reach / 98'

VINES / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

35 Years / 110 / Field Selection

SOILS / PRUNING / TRELLIS

Alluvial Browns / Cane Pruned / Old CA Sprawl

HARVEST DATE

10/11/2021

HARVEST YIELD

3.5 tons per acre

ALCOHOL / TA / pH

14.5% / 3.767/ 5.9 g/L

FILTERING

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

TIME IN BARREL

12 months

BARRELS

100% French / Tight Grain / 50% New

CELLARING POTENTIAL

20 years

CASES PRODUCED

1,200 12-PACKS

WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt

Goldschmidt Vineyards wines are designed to showcase the finest examples of single-vineyard bottlings. Sourced from Alexander Valley and Napa Valley/Oakville appellations. Using site-specific harvests and state-of-the-art winemaking, our wines embody exceptional richness, quality and balance—hallmarks of a world-class wine.

