

CLOS LACHANCE

VINEYARDS



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2021 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BEST BUY

AVAs of California's North Central Coast



Cabernet Sauvignon is the king of red wines and at Clos LaChance there is no exception. Cabernet is the largest volume of acreage for a single varietal on our Estate, and that is made up of over 6 different clones on 4 different root stocks. The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has always been a top performer for quality and is the flag ship for all tiers and of the Clos LaChance portfolio. We stay true to the style that the terroir on our Estate gives us and create an approachable and elegant style of Cabernet that is crafted for your everyday indulgence. The wine is ready to drink now and can be laid down for several years as well.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2021 growing season was another unique season from start to finish on the Central Coast of California. With most of the state back in a severe drought situation, bud break came a bit early due to the extremely dry soils in the vineyard. Luckily, it was a very mild spring and there were no signs of frost in the vineyard and mild temperatures right through and into the Summer. The Summer was mild to cool compared to historical averages and there were no major heat events or spikes. Having the mild temperatures allowed for a prolonged growing season and optimal ripening temperatures right into the Fall. The Harvest started about 1 week to 10 days earlier than the previous 3 seasons due to the vines being subjected to absolute perfect ripening weather. A late October rain event was welcomed as a natural dose of water after harvest and roughly 95% of the grapes were already harvested and in the cellar. Another premium growing season with outstanding quality marking 4 straight years of above average wine quality in the cellar.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon off of the Clos LaChance Estate sits higher in elevation than any other varietal and is high on the hill side. The soils in this area of the vineyard are shallow and rocky allowing for great drainage but harsh conditions for the root structure. This yields lower quantities of grapes but much higher quality and a more complex tannin structure in the skins. The grapes are handpicked, and hand sorted prior to a 72-hour cold soak at 40 degrees F. During fermentation, the wine is pumped over 4 times per day during peak fermentation to maximize extraction. Post fermentation the wine is held on skins for 48 hours to extend maceration and provide even more color and tannin extraction. The wine is then aged on 30% New French Oak and the remainder is aged on a mix of neutral American and French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Garnet.
Aroma: Plum, blackberry, green pepper.
Structure: Medium body, medium tannin, light acid.
Flavors: Fresh blueberries, white pepper, plum.
Pairings: BBQ Tri-Tip, pasta with Italian sausage, hard cheeses.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vineyard: 100% Estate Vineyard
Blend: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 7% Zinfandel
Aged: 14 months in 30% New French Oak, 70% Neutral French Oak
Harvest Date: Oct 1st – Oct 30th
Average Brix at Harvest: 25.5
PH: 3.66
TA: 0.59
Alcohol: 14.5%
Sugar: 0.12g/L

