



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
WAYSIDE
St. Helena AVA

- Release Date:** September, 2025
- Production:** 7 Barrels
- Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Vineyards:** Lewelling Vineyard,
St. Helena AVA, Napa Valley
- Team:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
Andrew Bohi, Director of Operations
- Cooperage:** Aged for 28 months in 100% French oak, 80% new.
- Vintage Notes:** The 2021 vintage will be remembered as a drought year for the valley, with the resulting drop in yields, however the overall quality of the vintage is superb thanks to those smaller berries bringing an increased concentration of both fruit and structure. Early spring saw periods of unseasonable warmth alongside the occasional cool night which did create some frost concerns, but thankfully a little vigilance in the vineyards kept any damage at bay. Summer and early fall provided heat that cycled predictably between warming days and cooling nights which allowed for a very smooth and orderly harvest season about 1-2 weeks earlier than average.
- Vineyard Notes:** The Lewelling vineyard is one of the oldest continuously owned family vineyards in the Napa Valley, first planted by John Lewelling in 1864 and farmed by his great-great-grandson Doug Wight today. The 28-acre vineyard is located at the base of the Mayacamas range in St. Helena on an alluvial fan built by millennia of deposits which flowed down from the foothills above. The fruit that develops from these vines benefits greatly from this diverse soil as well as the even afternoon temperatures on this west side vineyard, allowing us to produce wines of great depth and elegance.
- It is also coincidentally right across the road from where Justin lived when he first moved back to the valley shortly before starting HUNNICUTT. Thus, we have `dubbed this site Wayside.
- Tasting Notes:** The 2021 Wayside exhibits the classic St. Helena terroir profile of medium to full bodies red and blue fruit. There is also a tacit element of oak that displays itself in the form of graham cracker pie crust. As is the thread throughout the 2021 vintage, this wine has the length, balance, density and fruit-load to go the distance.
- Aging Advice:** As with all of our portfolio, we encourage you to enjoy a bottle or two of this wine in its youth to take in the glorious extravagance of flavors and then tuck away a few bottles to enjoy over the next decade, to allow the complexity and detail that only patience can afford.