

Complant



2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

UC Davis South Station Vineyard
Oakville, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK

22% New Thin-Staved Bordeaux Barrels

APPELLATION

Oakville, Napa Valley

REGIMEN

18 months

VINEYARD

UC Davis South Station

ALCOHOL

14.2%

WINEMAKING

Our 2021 Complant Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from the iconic UC Davis Oakville South Station Vineyard, one of the finest vineyard sites in the Napa Valley. Daniel first saw this vineyard in 1976 with his major professor, the legendary Dr. Harold Olmo. First developed by Hamilton Crabb, founder of Tokalon, in the 1840's, it was later deeded to the university. It is located on the Oakville bench on some of the best soil in the world for growing Cabernet Sauvignon and is one of the most meticulously farmed vineyards in the valley.

The grapes were harvested on September 8, 2021; the harvest date being determined by berry sensory analysis. They were fermented using indigenous yeast and malo-lactic bacteria, and pressed off the skins on September 24, 2021. The wine was aged in thin-staved Bordeaux chateau barrels (22% new) for 18 months and raked through the heads (soutirage traditionnel) every three months. This is a method that Daniel learned while working in Pomerol in the 1980's. It is extremely labor intensive and requires artisanally made tools imported from France. It is well worth the effort as it has a magical effect on the wine. High toned aromatics are preserved, while the tannins are smoothed and integrated into the fabric of the wine. We fined with three fresh egg whites per barrel in December 2022. The wine was bottled in March of 2023.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Complant Napa Valley UC, Davis Oakville South Station, Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon has a rich ruby color and an expressive nose of high-toned boysenberry, bramble, and tobacco. The wine has a delicious, layered entry of red and black fruits lifted by naturally balanced acidity, an elegant mid-palate and well integrated tannins. The finish is long and fresh and leaves the taster with a profound sense of pedigree and balance.

93 cases produced | 12-750ml | SRP \$105

