



**2021 BOUGETZ CELLARS ARDANTE  
MOUNT VEEDER  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

The 2021 Ardante Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Merlot. The source for this wine is from Yates Family Vineyard, up near the top of Mount Veeder. Showing mountain fruit characteristics, this wine is deep purple/ruby in color, with black fruits filling up the nose. Full-bodied, scores of blackberries, and black cherry flavors with a nice spice box base. A bit of patience on this wine, as a few years of aging will help tame the tannic edge that drapes the mouth-coating fresh black fruits.

**HARVEST NOTES**

The 2021 growing season started early with bud break occurring about a week earlier than average. With a shortage of winter rains, we experienced another drought year, with rain totals about 60 percent of normal. Luckily, we didn't see much in the way of heat spikes, so the fruit ripened at a consistent pace. The fruit was harvested at night on October 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Harvest date:** October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Appellation: Mount Veeder
- Brix at harvest: 26.5
- Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry
- Fermentation: 14-day ferment
- Aging: 22 months, with 75% new French oak, 25% once used
- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.77
- TA: 5.90 g/L
- Bottled: August 2023
- Case production: 134 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$79



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