



**2021 BOUGETZ CELLARS SARDONYX
MOUNT VEEDER
CABERNET FRANC**

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2021 Sardonyx Cabernet Franc is comprised of 96% Cabernet Franc, blended with 4% Malbec. Showing its roots from Mt Veeder, this is a dark, inky black Cabernet Franc. Aromas of black fruit, white pepper and a hint of tea leaf fill the bowl, raising the anticipation of tasting the wine. Full-bodied, this wine rewards you with a mouthful of black currant and black cherry. Big, and long in the finish, this is a wine that will age effortlessly.

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 6th.

Harvest date: October 6th, 2021

- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Brix at harvest: 24.8
- Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry
- Fermentation: 14-day ferment
- Aging: 21 months, with 75% new French oak, 25% once used
- Alcohol: 14.8%
- pH: 3.75
- TA: 5.50 g/L
- Bottled: August 2023
- Case production: 100 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$69



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