CHAPPELLET
PRITCHARD HILL

2021 Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus

Wine Statistics
Harvested Sep. 10 – Oct. 11, 2021

25.0° – 27.0° Brix at Harvest

15% Alcohol
TA – 0.56g/100ml
pH – 3.74

Bottled – July 2023

Wine Blend

95% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot

The Wine

The most sought-after wine in our portfolio, this limited-production Cabernet Sauvignon represents the pinnacle of Chappellet winemaking and embodies the elegant power and complexity of Pritchard Hill winegrowing. Like the great Bordeaux wines that first inspired Donn Chappellet, this wine is crafted by blending Cabernet Sauvignon with other classic Bordeaux varietals. The wine was aged for 22 months in 100 percent new French oak. Grown on our rocky, mountainside vineyard, our Cabernets have consistently displayed an ability to age for several decades.

Growing Season & Harvest

The 2021 growing season began with one of the driest winters on record, followed by a mild spring and summer with no adverse heat events. Due to the lack of precipitation, canopy growth was limited and the vines produced very small berries and clusters. To ensure ideal ripening and flavor development we closely monitored vine water stress and applied a highly targeted irrigation strategy. While the drought yielded a small crop, the long, temperate growing season combined with ideal harvest weather produced dark and powerful wines with concentrated aromas and flavors, excellent structure and lush, mouthcoating tannins.

Tasting Notes

Embodying the essence of great mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is gloriously opulent and elegant, immediately demanding attention with concentrated aromas of black currant, cassis, ripe blackberry, sweet oak smoke, cedar, tobacco leaf, graphite and violets. On the palate, it majestically captures the essence of Pritchard Hill's terroir, with rich, robust tannins, voluptuous dark berry flavors and sophisticated nuances of sandalwood, savory dried herbs, anise, vanilla bean, nutmeg, dark chocolate and spice that flow to a long, impeccably polished finish.