# Goldschmidt Vineyards

# 2021 Game Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

Oakville, Napa Valley



#### **VINEYARD NOTES**

Winemaker Nick Goldschmidt makes his Oakville Game Ranch in a very approachable, elegant style. Sourced from the eastern-end of Oakville Cross Road, the soils here transition from volcanic red clay to brown, gravelly loam. This is the only knoll within the valley itself. The soil offers exceptionally good drainage which controls vigor, producing smaller berries and ultimately, wines with deeper concentration. Soil water-holding capacity is sufficient enough to prevent dehydration, thus protecting the critical balance of fruit flavor to alcohol. The Game Ranch Cabernet shows gorgeous fruit, ripe tannins, and a savory minerality.

#### **VINTAGE NOTES**

Vintage 2021 was one of the longest ripening seasons for the past two decades. Seasons are starting earlier due to lack of water; creating early warm Spring soil temperatures. This is evened out with the August cooling trend at veraison. However, there was the heat spike over Mother's Day weekend which restricted the berry expansion. Yields were lighter with small berries and small clusters. All this led to unusually dense concentration.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Purple to red garnet in color. Aromas of ripe raspberry, cedar, black cherry, plum and crème caramel on the nose are perfectly balanced and intense to ready the pallet. The flavor opens candied fruits such as cherries and dark peach. Cocoa powder deepens mid-palate into a more complex blend of plum, red earth, essence of vanilla and creamy supple tannins. It's pretty and refined. Pair with surf and turf, braised short rib risotto and a beautiful sunset.

#### **VINTAGE**

2021

#### **VARIETAL**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **APPELLATION**

Oakville, Napa Valley

#### **VINEYARD / ELEVATION**

Game Ranch / 700'

#### SOILS

Volcanic, Clay, Gravelly Loam

#### **PRUNING / TRELLIS**

Cane / Vertical

#### VINES / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

Planted 1989 / 110R / 337 & 4

#### **HARVEST DATE**

Hand-picked 9/20/21

#### **HARVEST YIELD**

2.8 tons per acre

# ALCOHOL / TA / pH

14.9% / 5.7g/L / 3.67

#### **FILTERING**

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

#### **BARREL AGE**

17 Months

## **BARRELS**

Demptos / 85% New

# **CELLARING POTENTIAL**

20-25 Years

### **CASES PRODUCED**

385, 6-PACKS

#### **WINEMAKER**

Nick Goldschmidt

Goldschmidt Vineyards wines are designed to showcase the finest examples of single-vineyard bottlings sourced from Alexander Valley and Napa Valley/Oakville appellations. Using site-specific harvests and state-of-the-art winemaking, our Cabernet is crafted to achieve exceptional richness, quality and balance—the hallmark of a world-class wine.





