

# Forefathers

CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
Lone Tree, Alexander Valley

## VINEYARD NOTES

Lone Tree is a 3-acre parcel just north of Geyserville, a sub-parcel of our famous Staircase vineyard. Facing east at an 800' elevation, the site avoids hot afternoon temperatures. It's cooler than valley floor sites, ripening at a slow pace. Sitting above the fog line, this Alexander Valley vineyard gets abundant sunshine during the growing season. This longer hang-time translates into more complexity and depth. Dry farming and cane pruning are a critical technique to achieving smaller berries, less dense clusters, an open canopy, and even ripening. Depth and power are signature markers of this remarkable vineyard.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was one of the longest ripening seasons starting around 3 weeks early due to the lack of water in the soil and the warm temperatures in the early Spring. Cooling occurred in July, and once we were at veraison, the temperatures fell even more due to the usual fog rolling in. Mother's Day weekend brought a heat spike at the critical time of berry expansion so berries remained small and concentrated. Small berries bring intense wines. 2021 is an amazing vintage for the Alexander Valley. The reds are very dark, with nice balance and freshness.

## TASTING NOTES

2021 Forefathers Cabernet Sauvignon shows intense purple color. The aroma is a complete expression of our unique terrior. Stony schist soils mean the fruit is black cherry and plum. The palate is deep and concentrated with flavors of black cherry, dark stone fruit and subtle earthiness. Spending 50 days on the skins brings stability, yet silky and fine round tannins. It shows the classic elegance for which this wine is known. Pair with BBQ meats or creamy, rich pasta dishes.



## VINTAGE

2021

## VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

## APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

## VINEYARD / ELEVATION

Lone Tree / 800'

## VINES / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

Planted 1989 / 110R / Jackson

## SOILS / PRUNING / TRELIS

Gravel / Hand pruned / VSP / Dry Farmed

## HARVEST DATE

September 14, 2021

## HARVEST YIELD

3.0 tones per acre

## ALCOHOL / TA / pH

14.8% / 6.0 / 3.68

## FILTERING

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

## TIME IN BARREL

18 Months

## BARRELS

100% French / Tight Grain / 70% New

## CELLARING POTENTIAL

20 Years

## CASES PRODUCED

300, 12-PACKS

## WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt

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*One singular vineyard site cannot produce stellar Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz grapes simultaneously. But these are the wines I love to make. The "Forefathers" concept is my salvation because we can farm these three distinct varieties from separate vineyards around the New World. ~ Nick Goldschmidt*