

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Criscione Vineyard
St. Helena, Napa Valley

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its second bottling of the St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon. Building upon its experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain in the valley's western Mayacamas Range, this bottling represents the Davies team's effort with Cabernet Sauvignon from this famed mid-valley appellation. Second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, VP of Winemaking Sean Thompson and Consultant Celia Welch have collaborated well together since 2008 in crafting Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and they are very proud to present this unique vineyard-designate bottling from the 2021 vintage.

Approximately 20 miles north of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays, and nestled between the Mayacamas and Vaca Mountain ranges, lies appellation St. Helena. The hourglass shape of this appellation's geography, and its distance from the cool waters of the Bay and the Pacific Ocean, set this historic location apart from any other growing region. Vineyards are located on ancient alluvial fans, that sweep toward the Napa River. Consistent heat is locked in during the day and is amplified by the hillsides; at night, that same slender width funnels moderating breezes to dramatically cool the vines, sometimes by as much as 40 to 50 degrees. This extreme shift in temperature helps the fruit retain ideal balance and acidity.

While largely unknown by consumers, this vineyard is held in high regard by those in the industry. Located in a small, quiet valley at the base of Howell Mountain, the east-facing vineyard benefits from the cooling breezes coming off the mountain and the Bell Canyon Reservoir. The soils are a Cortina Series alluvial gravel mix of red volcanic soils and obsidian. The property is 18-acres with roughly half under vine.

Following a second consecutive dry winter, spring's bud break and flowering activity occurred two weeks earlier than normal. Vines would ultimately carry a light crop in 2021; summer heat spikes nudged the small-sized berries and clusters to even ripeness. Our Cabernet Sauvignon harvest began at the end of mid-September and carried into mid-October, delivering fruit with bright and balanced concentration.

Tasting Notes

"Our 2021 Criscione Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has inviting aromas of black cherry, blueberry, ripe plum, and bramble berry, that entwine with hints of black tea, ground white peppercorn, violets, and a tinge of vanilla bean. A focused acidity carries flavors of cranberry, dark chocolate, baking spice, and coffee bean, to a juicy and lingering finish."

- *Winemakers Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*
- *Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch*



Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Criscione Vineyard
Barrel Aging:	20 months in 63% new French oak
Coopers:	Atelier, Damy, Vicard G7, Orion
Alcohol:	14.7%
TA:	0.51 g/100 mL
pH:	3.88
Harvest Dates:	September 22, 2021
Bottling Date:	July 18, 2023
Release Date:	August 1, 2024
Cases Produced:	200 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$130
Available Format:	750 mL