

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*McGrath Vineyard
St. Helena, Napa Valley*

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and J. Davies Estate in Napa Valley, presents its first bottling of the “McGrath Vineyard” Cabernet Sauvignon from the St. Helena District. Building upon its Cabernet Sauvignon experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain since 2001, and a broad range of other Napa Valley sites since 2012, the Davies team started with McGrath in 2021. 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.

Situated on the western side of St. Helena, the McGrath Vineyard benefits from the region’s warm climate and ample sunlight, balanced by refreshing cool evenings. Characterized by rocky, well-drained soils predominantly composed of bale loam and river wash, this 3.5-acre vineyard was established in 2001. The McGrath and Davies families’ relationship dates back to the 1960s when Joe McGrath and Hugh Davies grew up as neighbors on Diamond Mountain.

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 McGrath Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of baked blueberry, blackberry compote, black pepper, and fresh herbs. A lively entry of black raspberry and plum layers the palate, supported by rich tannins a spicy richness that lingers through to the finish.”

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

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	McGrath Vineyard
Barrel Aging:	20 months in 59% new French oak
Coopers:	Vicard G7, Tonnelliere O, Atelier, Orion
Alcohol:	14.9%
TA:	0.54 g/100 mL
pH:	3.85
Harvest Dates:	September 29 - October 6, 2021
Bottling Date:	July 17, 2023
Release Date:	August 1, 2024
Cases Produced:	400 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$130
Available Format:	750 mL