

## Cakebread Cellars

Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon captures the essence of Napa Valley's diverse terroirs, presenting a harmonious mix of blackberry, toasty oak, and a hint of minerality, ideal for pairing with hearty dishes or for cellaring.

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Alcohol :14,80 %
Composition: 83% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 4%
Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

# Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

California, USA

## Region and Vineyards

The **Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon** is a classic representation of Napa Valley, one of the most prestigious wine regions in the world. This wine is a blend from vineyards located in several renowned Cabernet Sauvignon appellations within Napa Valley, each contributing to the wine's complexity and depth.

**Rutherford and Oakville** are known for their bold fruit intensity, while the warmer area of **Calistoga** in the north and the cooler southern reaches of the **Suscol watershed** add layers of flavor and complexity. These diverse sites, with their unique soils and microclimates, allow Cakebread Cellars to craft a rich yet elegant Bordeaux-style blend that highlights the best of Napa Valley.

The **growing season** began with ample rainfall, filling the soils across Napa Valley. Cooler-than-usual temperatures extended the growing season, allowing for a longer harvest period. This extended ripening period enabled the grapes to develop their distinct varietal aromas and concentrated flavors, resulting in a wine that showcases the hallmark characteristics of the region.

## Winemaking

The **Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon** is crafted with meticulous care to ensure the highest quality. The grapes are **hand-harvested** during the cool night hours to retain freshness, purity, and natural acidity. After harvesting, the clusters are hand-sorted and destemmed. Partial crushing of the grapes optimizes the extraction of color, flavor, and tannin from the grape skins.

Prior to fermentation, the grapes undergo a "cold soak" which softens the skins and helps to extract more color and tannin. The wine is then aged in **French oak barrels** (50% new) for **17 months**. This aging process enhances the wine's complexity and integrates the flavors beautifully. After aging, the winemaker blends the different components to add further layers of complexity to the wine.





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## **Tasting Notes**

- · Color: Bright red.
- **Aroma:** The bouquet is fragrant and complex, with notes of ripe **blackberry** and **boysenberry**, complemented by hints of dark chocolate and toasty oak.
- **Palate:** Rich and smooth on the palate, the wine's sumptuous dark fruit flavors are balanced by fresh acidity and lush tannins. The finish is long and elegant, with a subtle hint of minerality.

## Did you know?

This vintage was notable for its ideal growing conditions in Napa Valley. The combination of ample rainfall, cooler temperatures, and extended sunshine allowed for a slow and even ripening of the grapes. This contributed to the wine's depth of flavor and aromatic complexity, making the **Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon** a standout vintage.



#### James Suckling (JS): 91 Points (2018)

Ripe plums and blackberries with some coca-nib, vanilla, bread-crust and smoke notes. Full-bodied with velvety tannins, deep fruit and bright acidity. Tight and reserved, yet juicy, with a long finish. Approachable now, but better in 2022.



#### Robert Parker (RP): 90 Points (2018)

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 88.2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.2% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 1.1% Syrah, .5% Malbec, .5% Cabernet Franc and .5% Petite Sirah. Deep garnet-purple in color, it offers up vivacious scents of warm cassis, juicy blueberries and Black Forest cake with hints of dried herbs and tilled earth. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating black fruit preserves flavors with a soft, approachable texture and plenty of freshness, finishing with an herbal lift.



#### Jeb Dunnuck (JD): 92 Points (2017)

The base Cabernet from this terrific estate is the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, which checks in as 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and the balance Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. It has beautiful notes of crème de cassis, graphite, tobacco, and ground herbs as well as a dense, rich, concentrated style on the palate. This terrific Cabernet is going to benefit from 3-4 years of bottle age and cruise for upwards of 15 years (or more) in cool cellars.



