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With its high-altitude origins and volcanic soils , the 2021 vintage embodies concentration, complexity, and the hallmark finesse of Jackson Estate.

'Jackson Estate' Hawkeye Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

California, USA



Alcohol :14,70 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region and Vineyards

Hawkeye Mountain is perched on the western face of the **Mayacamas Mountains**, overlooking Alexander Valley in Sonoma County. The vineyards lie at **900-2,400 feet elevation**, high above the valley floor, where fog struggles to rise. This altitude creates **dramatic diurnal temperature swings**—cool mornings followed by warm afternoons—perfect for slowly ripening Cabernet Sauvignon while preserving freshness.

The soils are **shallow, rocky volcanic loams**, a striking red brick color, which naturally limit vine vigor and yield small, intensely flavored berries. Many plots are steeply sloped and partially terraced, emphasizing the vineyard's mountain character. Constant **Pacific-driven winds** further moderate ripening, adding lift and aromatic intensity. Together, these conditions deliver fruit of remarkable **concentration, structure, and balance**.

Winemaking

This wine is made from **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**, vinified in small lots to capture the nuance of each hillside block. After fermentation, the wine was **aged 18 months in 98% French oak barrels, with 70% new oak**, imparting layers of **cedar, spice, and dark chocolate** that complement the fruit's natural richness.

The 2021 vintage balances power and finesse, with **14.7% alcohol**, a **pH of 3.5**, and **total acidity of 0.68 g/100 mL**. The extended élevage polishes the tannins, giving the wine its **muscular yet elegant profile**. As part of the **Jackson Estate Collection**, only small quantities are produced, underlining its exclusivity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Opaque garnet with purple hues.
- **Aroma:** Ripe black cherry, cassis, and red currant, supported by graphite, cedar, and subtle oak spice.
- **Palate:** Concentrated and layered, with dark fruit intensity, mineral undertones, and refined tannins. The wine is full-bodied, with an elegantly muscular frame, leading to a long, persistent finish.

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Did you know?

The **Jackson family owns all of Alexander Mountain**, where vineyards climb as high as 2,400 feet (732 m). This makes it one of the most dramatic vineyard holdings in Sonoma County, producing some of the region's most **site-specific and age-worthy Cabernets**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with rosemary butter** - the wine's power and tannins stand up beautifully to rich, marbled beef.
- **Lamb shanks braised with red wine and herbs** - the cassis and spice notes mirror the savory depth of slow-cooked lamb.
- **Mushroom and black truffle risotto** - the wine's earthy minerality resonates with the umami of truffles.
- **Aged cheddar or blue cheese** - the structure and fruit intensity balance the saltiness and pungency of mature cheeses.

94 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 94 Points (2021)

The darkest and inkiest of the lineup, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Jackson Estate Hawkeye Mountain offers a forward calling card of graphite, black plum, and wild herbs. Fleshy and full-bodied, it has ample structure, with a fresh spine of acidity and is toasty with sweet oak spice of cedar and vanilla. It's going to need time but should prove to be a powerful, age-worthy wine with 10 or more years ahead of it. Range: 92-94

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Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2019)

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Jackson Estate Hawkeye Mountain was matured for 21 months in 63% new French oak. It has layered aromas of cassis, coffee beans, sage, olive and bay leaves. The full-bodied palate offers generous, nuanced fruit framed by grainy tannins, and it has a long, graphite-laced finish. 1,364 cases produced.