



Kendall-Jackson

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'Jackson Estate' Hawkeye Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The *Hawkeye Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2021* comes from Kendall-Jackson's **estate vineyard** perched between **900 and 2,400 feet elevation** on the **western slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains** in **Alexander Valley, Sonoma County**. This mountain vineyard lies above the morning fog line, benefiting from a unique diurnal shift: **cool mornings and warm afternoons**, modulated by Pacific Ocean breezes. These conditions allow grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, intensifying flavor while preserving acidity.

The vineyard is planted on **shallow, rocky volcanic soils** with a distinctive **brick-red loam**, on steep, sometimes terraced hillsides. These challenging but rewarding conditions yield **low-vigor vines** with small, intensely concentrated berries. The site's altitude and soil profile contribute to a Cabernet Sauvignon of remarkable density, structure, and mineral-driven complexity.

Winemaking

Made from **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**, this wine undergoes a carefully tailored vinification to preserve its mountain character. It is aged for **18 months in 98% French oak barrels, 70% of which are new**, providing structure and aromatic layering without overshadowing the purity of the fruit.

This limited-production wine is part of Kendall-Jackson's **Estates Collection**, a series focused on showcasing the most distinctive vineyard properties within their portfolio. Crafted for refined palates, this bottling exemplifies site expression, precise extraction, and harmonious oak integration.



Alcohol :14,70 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet
Sauvignon



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, inky garnet with purple hues.
- **Aroma:** Rich notes of black cherry, cassis, and red currant interwoven with mineral tones and subtle oak spice.
- **Palate:** Concentrated and well-extracted with muscular elegance; dark fruit core framed by fine-grained tannins and a long, mineral-laced finish. The wine is powerful yet balanced, offering intensity and freshness in equal measure.

Did you know?

Hawkeye Mountain is one of the highest-elevation vineyard sites in Alexander Valley. The fog struggles to reach the upper blocks, creating sharp temperature contrasts that are ideal for developing the thick skins and phenolic richness that define great mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with rosemary butter:** The wine's structure and dark fruit intensity pair seamlessly with the bold flavors of grilled beef.
- **Braised short ribs with red wine reduction:** Echoes the wine's depth and brings out its savory, mineral dimension.
- **Roasted wild mushrooms with garlic and herbs:** A perfect match for the wine's earthy tones and fine tannic grip.
- **Aged cheddar or Comté:** Strong enough to meet the wine's power while enhancing its complexity.



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



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.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2016)

This is a tremendously impressive wine from the producer's high-elevation estate situated at 2,400 feet. Rich tones of vanilla bean, cassis and raspberry liqueur open the door to a soft, integrated midpalate that is complex and lengthy. (VB)



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