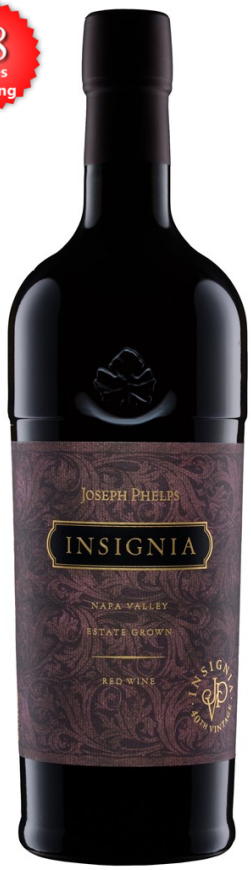


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The 2021 Insignia is a masterful blend of Napa Valley power and finesse, offering dark fruit purity, lifted florals, and fine structure in a vibrant, age-worthy profile.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

Insignia 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The 2021 vintage of Insignia draws its strength and complexity from **six estate-owned vineyards** located across **Napa Valley's most respected sub-AVAs**. A significant portion (28%) comes from the **Yountville Vineyard** in the **Oak Knoll District**, contributing aromatic lift and ripe red-toned fruit. The **Banca Dorada Vineyard** in **Rutherford** (27%) adds structural definition and classic earthy notes, anchored by the appellation's signature dusty tannins.

From the **Stags Leap District**, **Las Rocas (19%)** and **Barboza (6%)** impart depth, mineral tension, and savory spice. The **Home Ranch** site in **St. Helena (11%)** provides richness and mid-palate weight, while the cooler **Suscol Vineyard (9%)** infuses energy and brightness. The diversity of these sites enables the creation of a **harmonious and multidimensional wine**, emblematic of the vintage's exceptional fruit quality and balance.

Winemaking

The 2021 Insignia is composed of **93% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **3% Petit Verdot**, **2% Cabernet Franc**, and **2% Malbec**. The growing season was cooler than 2020, with a later bud break and an earlier bloom. Summer was marked by persistent winds and mild temperatures, resulting in a long hang time that allowed grapes to develop **exceptional phenolic maturity**.

Fruit from each vineyard was vinified separately to preserve the nuances of terroir. The wine underwent **24 months of aging in 100% new French oak barrels**, enhancing its texture, spice complexity, and ageability. The resulting cuvée is precise and expressive, marked by plush tannins, vivid acidity, and a sleek, sculpted profile.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet with vibrant violet undertones and crystalline clarity.
- **Aroma**: Bright aromatics of black cherry, wild blackberry, and hibiscus, accented by fresh earth, baking spices, and Tahitian vanilla.
- **Palate**: Lush and layered, with dark fruit richness supported by redwood bark, clove, and mineral tension. Silky tannins and bright acidity deliver lift, precision, and an elegant, enduring finish.

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Did you know?

The 2021 growing season was **cooler and more temperate than recent years**, with extended hang time and naturally low yields producing small, highly concentrated berries. Many on the estate liken the vintage's structure and density to the famed 2015 vintage—yet with **even greater finesse and clarity**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled duck breast with fig compote**: Enhances the wine's black fruit core and floral lift.
- **Porcini mushroom lasagna with béchamel**: A rich, savory match that echoes the wine's earthy and creamy dimensions.
- **Dry-aged ribeye with rosemary butter**: A bold protein partner that aligns with the wine's tannic grip and spice-laden depth.
- **Venison loin with red wine reduction**: Elevates the wine's vibrancy and mineral undertones.



James Suckling (JS) : 98 Points (2021)

A standout vintage for one of California's most collectible cabernet sauvignons. The color is black throughout, but with a dark garnet rim. Gorgeous aromatics of spearmint, pencil shavings, toasted oak and dark plums, before a silky, fresh but firm texture takes over the palate and dusky blackcurrant, tobacco-leaf, rose-petal and cedar notes emerge and linger. Full-bodied and saturated with rounded, well-integrated tannins that emerge on the lingering finish and keep melting in the glass. It will drink best from 2028.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 98 Points (2021)

Not yet bottled, the 2021 Insignia has a pure, concentrated, medium to full-bodied style that shows the vintage beautifully. Cassis, blue fruits, graphite, lead pencil shavings, and floral notes all define the bouquet, and it has beautiful tannins, a great mid-palate, and outstanding length.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 97 Points (2021)

The 2021 Insignia is still in barrel, but it is immensely promising. Bright acids and beams of tannin confer freshness. This is a mid-weight vintage of Insignia that is built more on finesse than power. Crème de cassis, lavender, spice and new leather linger. (AG)