

2021 S BY SIGNORELLO NAPA VALLEY



THE S STORY

S by Ray Signorello was motivated by a longing to work with fruit from areas beyond the boundaries of the singular Signorello Estate Vineyard in southern Napa Valley. Ray and winemaker Priyanka French were intrigued by prestigious and diverse appellations such as Howell Mountain, Rutherford, and St. Helena, with a vision to produce a modern, plush, and ultimately crowd-pleasing Cabernet Sauvignon. The label creation for S was inspired by the simplicity and elegance of Ray's heirloom monogrammed cufflinks, given to him by his father, Ray Sr. This distinctively rich and delicious wine derived from a selection of acclaimed vineyard sites boasts layered aromas, generous ripe flavors, a plush mouthfeel and complexity in its youth for immediate enjoyment.

ACCOLADES

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of sites in St. Helena, Howell Mountain and Rutherford. Rich, powerful and explosive, the 2021 hits the palate with serious intensity. Black cherry, mocha, plum, leather and spice are all dialed up. I would give this 6-12 months to soften, as the tannins and acid are pretty dominant today." — **Antonio Galloni, Vinous December 2023, 93 points**

"Enticing aromas of pencil shavings, cedar and toasted oak lead to a firm, concentrated palate packed with dried blueberries, black cherries, mocha and mint. The wine is full bodied, appropriately tannic and built for the long haul, gaining complexity and smoothness with age. Best from 2027–2040." — **Wine Enthusiast, March 2024, 94 points**

"This full-bodied, structured but approachable wine comes from Oakville, Howell Mountain and St. Helena grapes, and is more affordable than the Signorello Estate-grown wines. Packed with hearty, ripe blackberries and black cherries with accents of wood smoke, graphite and espresso. Drink or hold." — **James Suckling, March 2024, 93 points**

BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL

15.1%

PRODUCTION

1,300 6-pack cases

DETAILS

pH: 3.81 TA: 6.3 RS: 0.6g/L

GROWING SEASON

2021 came as a welcome relief on the heels of a stressful 2020 vintage. It was recorded as one of the driest years with limited rainfalls supply. Cool nights and full sun days with no danger of major heat spikes, resulted in a small crop but with near perfect flavor development and concentration. The resulting wines are well structured, showing power and fine quality tannin expressions. Their complexity will continue to unveil over the next few decades.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were picked in the range of 24.5-26 Brix. The vintage yielded concentrated berries with compact flavors, in spite of the high yields. The grapes were destemmed, thoroughly hand sorted and fermented with native yeast. 16 months in 50% new French Oak allowed the wine to soften with the aromas developing harmoniously. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

The "S" Cabernet Sauvignon is our ode to Napa Valley. Balanced by the harmony of our 3 unique vineyard sites, the 2021 S offers generosity, richness and velvety texture. Blackberry jam, cassis, red fruit preserve, dark chocolate, cedar and a long drawn finish of mocha and espresso bring a striking purity and approachability in this value driven wine. Tannins are soft and expressive, resulting in a wine with structure and an open, inviting charm.