



2021 Ruppert Coombsville Cabernet Sauvignon,

94 points

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Coombsville was aged 22 months in 80% new French oak barrels. Named in honour of winemaker Michael Baldacci's grandfather, Paul Ruppert Baldacci. It's one of my favourite wines in the Baldacci portfolio from the 2021 vintage. It offers wonderful loamy earth, tobacco, and black cherry aromatics, all of which make appearances on the full-bodied palate. Nuances of star anise and cherry liqueur add flesh and intrigue. The tannins are ripe and pronounced while remaining lithe through the long, savoury finish.



2021 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon

94 points

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from the Lincoln Creek Vineyard in Oakville—in close proximity to the family's Winery Ranch vineyard in Stags Leap District—and was aged 22 months in 65% new French oak. Just over 600 cases were produced. Lincoln Creek is a site owned by Ren Harris, who is a well-known Napa real estate agent, whose longtime partner, Jean Phillips, is the famously private former owner of Screaming Eagle. Several notable producers source grapes from the vineyard, like Groth, Silenus, and Ghost Block. At this price point, and given its pedigree, it deserves more attention. Winemaker Michael Baldacci does well not to overpower the Oakville dried herb spice that leaps from the glass here, and as they mingle with savoury cedar notes and rich blackberry fruit, the nose is quite lovely. Full-bodied on the palate, with blackberry, cherry and rhubarb fruit, notes of tilled earth, bay leaf, and mocha enrich the experience, balanced by powdery tannins and a long, spicy finish.



2021 Stella Knight Vineyard Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon

93 points

100% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Baldacci's Stella Knight Vineyard at the base of the Diamond Mountain District. Aged 22 months in 75% new French oak. Compared to the Block 3 Selection, which bears the 'Diamond Mountain District' AVA on the label, this 'Calistoga' appellation wine is equally polished and a bit brighter, showing a balance of red and black fruit character, spicy herbs, and lavish toasty oak notes. Powerful, chewy tannins and mocha-tinged black cherry fruits long, spicy finish.



2021 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon

93 points

100% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Block 3 of Baldacci's Stella Knight Vineyard at the base of the Diamond Mountain District. Aged 22 months in 85% new French oak. Polished and richly layered with opulent black fruit, herb, and toasty oak aromas, leading to a full-bodied wine framed by chewy tannins and silken, chocolate-covered black cherry and blackberry fruits, sweet cedar and a long, spicy finish.



2021 Stags Leap District Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

92 points

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Baldacci's Winery Ranch in the Stags Leap District was aged 22 months in 75% new French oak. 1,042 cases were produced. The winemaker is Michael Baldacci. A creamy, attractive Cabernet with nice mid-palate depth and fragrant bay leaf, bay laurel, and crunchy black fruit nuanced by sweet cedar. Full-bodied and round on entry with plump tannins and a simply delicious wave of blackberry, chocolate sauce, cinnamon, and clove. A great drink-now kind of wine for the low-yielding and usually tannic vintage.