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2021 Brenda's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, 95 points

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 Brenda's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon comes barreling out with powerful notes of baked plums, blackberry pie, and blackcurrant cordial, followed by suggestions of Chinese five spice, sandalwood, and mint tea. The big, rich, full-bodied palate delivers a racy line of freshness and chewy tannins to frame the densely laden black fruit preserves flavors, finishing long and opulent.



2021 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon, 95 points

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Calistoga needs some swirling to coax out notes of warm cassis, blueberry compote, and plum preserves, plus hints of Indian spices, fallen leaves, and wild sage. The concentrated, full-bodied palate is jam-packed with black fruit preserves flavors, supported by firm, grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing long and spicy.



2021 Ruppert Coombsville Cabernet Sauvignon, 95 points

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 Ruppert Cabernet Sauvignon leaps from the glass with energetic notes of crushed blackcurrants, kirsch, and freshly picked blackberries, followed by hints of graphite, dried sage, and cloves. The full-bodied palate delivers vibrant, muscular black fruit with a firm, grainy texture and great tension, finishing long with a minty kick.



2021 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, 95 points

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon strides out of the glass with classic notes of cassis, juicy plums, and cedar, followed by nuances of bay leaves and dusty soil. The full-bodied palate has a solid backbone of firm, grainy tannins and bags of freshness supporting the taut black fruit layers, finishing on a mineral note.



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2021 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon, 94 points

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon rolls out of the glass with evocative notes of crème de cassis, stewed blackberries, and preserved plums, giving way to suggestions of sautéed herbs, potpourri, and cumin seed. The full-bodied palate has compelling tension and a lightly chewy texture framing the baked berries flavors, finishing savory.



2021 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon, 94 points

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Diamond Mountain District has a deep garnet-purple color. Prunes, boysenberry preserves, and crème de cassis scents come bounding out of the glass, leading to an undercurrent of camphor, crushed rocks, and mossy tree bark. The full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating dried berry flavors with a chewy texture and plenty of freshness, finishing earthy.



2022 Los Carneros Chardonnay, 94 points

The 2022 Chardonnay features notes of honeysuckle, apple butter, and pear tart, followed by hints of almonds, brioche, and allspice. The full-bodied palate delivers a racy line and satiny texture to support the intense orchard fruit flavors, finishing with a zesty lift.



2022 Elizabeth Pinot Noir, 93 points

Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, the 2022 Elizabeth Pinot Noir offers fragrant earth and underbrush scents, leading to a core of pomegranate, black raspberries, and juicy black cherries, plus a touch of lavender. The full-bodied palate offers a plush texture and racy backbone to frame the exuberant black and red berry flavors, finishing fragrant.



2021 Fraternity, 92 points

The 2021 Fraternity is composed of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot, 9% Syrah, .25% Merlot, and .75% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it skips out of the glass with cheery notes of wild blueberries, Morello cherries, and mulberries, opening out to wafts of dried roses, tilled soil, and cardamom. The med to full-bodied palate is vibrant and refreshing with soft tannins and a lifted finish.

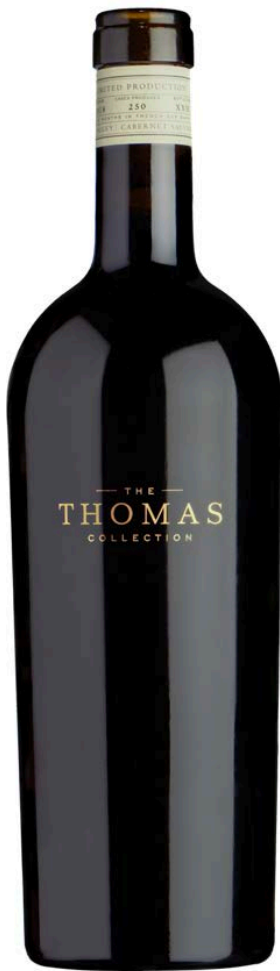


2021 Proprietary Red Blend, 91 points

The 2021 Proprietary Red Blend is composed of 30% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Malbec, and 8% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, notes of stewed plums, baked raspberries, and black cherry compote burst from the glass, giving way to hints of dried Provence herbs, pencil shavings, and underbrush. The full-bodied palate is plush and juicy with a lively line and fruity finish.

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