

Baldacci

FAMILY VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

2021 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon

Diamond Mountain District | Napa Valley



The Wine

Sourced from Block 3 of our Stella Knight Vineyard, nestled at the base of the Diamond Mountain District, this wine is a standalone expression of the unique qualities of this appellation. The porous soil and steep slope of Block 3 reduce water retention and challenge the vines to deepen their search for moisture, subtly infusing the grapes with minerality. Given the fruit's robust concentration and texture, I favor a higher new oak usage, embracing the wine's boldness and ensuring its character fully emerges.

The 2021 Growing Season

The 2021 vintage was a personal milestone for me as it marked a decade of winemaking at my family's winery. A smooth growing season with low precipitation yielded smaller grapes with intensely concentrated flavors and smaller yields per vine. Quality was high across the board and the wines are approachable and complex now, with the concentration and structure to age.

Tasting Notes

The Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon expertly balances power and elegance. It unfolds with aromas of red berries, underscored by subtle notes of dark chocolate and cedar. On the palate, black currant and ripe plum flavors are accented with hints of black tea and a touch of spice. The wine's remarkable structure is supported by firm tannins and a lingering finish, showcasing the distinctive terroir of the Diamond Mountain District. Its complexity and depth make it a standout choice for those seeking a wine with both immediate appeal and age-worthy potential.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Stella Knight
Harvest Date	September 23, 2021 - October 12, 2021
Cooperage	22 months in 75% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 31, 2023
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.2 g/L
pH	3.65
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	75 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Cranberry, raspberry, blackberry, blackcurrant leaf, black tea, baking spices, cedar

Diamond Mountain District

Stella Knight Vineyard

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 17 total acres, 8 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

Vineyard Name: Stella Knight

Appellation: Calistoga & Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

Climate: Daytime summer temperatures may peak above 100°F and fall to low 40s°F at night due to cool afternoon and evening breezes drawn in from the Chalk Hill Gap from the Pacific.

Elevation: 300 to 1200 feet

Rainfall: up to 60 inches annually.

Soils: Range from rocky, stony loam on the hillsides, to gravelly or cobbly loams on the alluvial fans

Vineyard Blocks: 3

Clone: 6

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon

