



## **2021 BARRETT & BARRETT CABERNET SAUVIGNON** **WINEMAKER NOTES/FACT SHEET**

Barrett & Barrett was founded in 2008 by the husband-and-wife winemaking team of Bo & Heidi Barrett as their first collaborative wine, following parallel careers of more than 30 years in the wine industry. A single wine from a single property, Barrett & Barrett Calistoga Estate Cabernet Sauvignon represents Bo's wine-growing experience gained over decades farming Chateau Montelena's vineyards in the Calistoga AVA (which he helped to gain official AVA status in 2010), and Heidi's expertise in crafting the finest "cult cabs" of Napa Valley (including Screaming Eagle, Dalla Valle, Grace Family, her own brand La Sirena, and numerous others).

### **VINTAGE REPORT BY BO BARRETT**

The 2021 growing season was a bit unusual, but turned out great in the end. A relatively dry winter followed by a warm spring caused the vines to break dormancy early. Thankfully as the season progressed there were no serious heat spikes that could have been a problem with the low soil moisture levels. The harvest actually was not impacted by the early spring, and occurred in late Sept- early Oct as usual. The yields were about 25% lower than average, resulting in very concentrated wines from this vintage.

### **JUST THE FACTS:**

Harvest Dates: Sept 9 + 15, 2021

Blend: 98% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (To Kalon, See, & 412 clones), 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 15.2% alc., T.A. 5.9, pH 3.66

100% French oak barrels, 48% new, 22 months

Bottling date: June 29, 2023 Release date: Nov 15, 2024

Production: 399 cases and 48 etched signed 1.5L magnums.

### **TASTING NOTES (10/2/24 BY BO & HEIDI BARRETT):**

*Very deep ruby in color, with beautifully focused aromas of ripe black fruit. The nose is lifted and pure, showing complex layers from our 4 different Cab clones grown at this tiny vineyard. Expansive on the palate with gorgeous flavors of concentrated berry jam and pomegranate, accentuated by hints of mocha, cedar, and sweet toasty French oak. Velvety texture with amazing length and a seamless finish - tannins are very fine and integrated. A big, silky Cab that has it all – beautiful now, but will offer years of enjoyment ahead.*

Heidi Peterson Barrett

Bo Barrett