

J·DAVIES

2021 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its twenty-first vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon crafted from the historic Diamond Mountain property they purchased in 1965. The estate vineyards were replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994, and the J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was first released in 2004 (2001 vintage). This offering is the creation of two generations of the Davies family, the product of an intimate knowledge of this property, reflecting their passion to craft delicious red wine. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house 59 years ago.

The vineyard blocks, totaling 46 acres, are laid out in four isolated pockets ranging from 500 to 1000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally planted in 1862 by Jacob Schram, the McEachran parcel, first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878, and the Claes parcel, dating back to 1984. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by compact coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

Following a second consecutive dry winter, spring's bud break and flowering activity occurred two weeks earlier than normal. Vines would ultimately carry a light crop in 2021; summer heat spikes nudged the small-sized berries and clusters to even ripeness. Our Cabernet Sauvignon harvest began at the end of mid-September and carried into mid-October, delivering fruit with bright and balanced concentration.



Tasting Notes

“Our 2021 J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon presents a bouquet of brooding black currant, blackberry, cocoa powder, and toasted marshmallow, layered with espresso and anise. A powerful entry on the palate leads to a broad mid-palate of lush black cherry, pomegranate, acai berry and black pepper, which is completed with a velvety, balanced structure and long finish.”

– Winemakers Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga and Hugh Davies
– Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch

Varietal Composition:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
Vineyard:	J. Davies Estate
Barrel Aging:	20 months in 60% new French oak
Coopers:	Atelier, Damy, Darnajou, Orion
Alcohol:	15.0%
TA:	0.52 g/100 mL
pH:	3.86
Harvest Dates:	September 20 - October 20, 2021
Bottling Date:	July 17, 2023
Release Date:	August 1, 2024
Cases Produced:	1,000 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$150
Available Formats:	750 mL, 1.5 L, 3 L

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