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2021 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its fifteenth vintage of J. Davies Estate “jd” Cabernet Sauvignon. Like its companion J. Davies Estate bottlings, this red wine is crafted solely from the densely flavored, richly structured fruit grown on the family’s hillside property. Following the blending of J. Davies, the winemaking team carefully select from the remaining barrels of wine to craft this offering. Vibrant and approachable as a young wine, the medium-bodied “jd” is released after two and a half years of aging. Bearing the initials of Jack Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the historic Schramsberg winery property in 1965, it is the product of an intimate knowledge of this place, and a passion to create delicious Cabernet Sauvignon.

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.

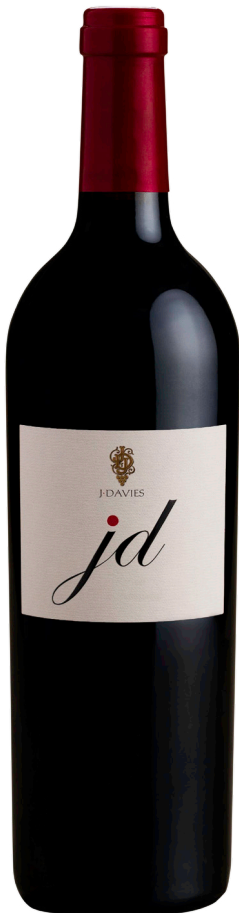
Following a second consecutive dry winter, spring’s bud break and flowering activity occurred two weeks earlier than normal. Vines would ultimately carry a light crop in 2021; summer heat spikes nudged the small-sized berries and clusters to even ripeness. Our Cabernet Sauvignon harvest began at the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

Tasting Notes

“Our 2021 J. Davies Estate ‘jd’ Cabernet Sauvignon unveils aromas of bright red fruit, cherry, chocolate, and cocoa powder. The palate presents broad layers of blackberry, vanilla, and cocoa, with barrel spice that anchors the wine. A juicy center, finely integrated with chewy tannins, leads to a smooth and plush finish.”

– Winemakers Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga and Hugh Davies

– Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch



Varietal Composition:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot
Appellation:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
Barrel Aging:	20 months in French oak, 55% new
Coopers:	Atelier, Taransaud, Vicard G7
Alcohol:	14.5%
TA:	0.53 g/100 mL
pH:	3.85
Harvest Dates:	September 20 - October 15, 2021
Bottling Date:	July 18, 2023
Release Date:	March 1, 2024
Cases Produced:	475 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$80