

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*St. Helena, Napa Valley*

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its fourth bottling of the St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon from the St. Helena District. Building upon its experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain in the valley's western Mayacamas Range, this bottling represents the Davies team's effort with Cabernet Sauvignon from this famed mid-valley appellation. Second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, Director of VP Sean Thompson and Consultant Celia Welch have collaborated well together since 2008 in crafting Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and they are very proud to present this unique vineyard-designate bottling from the 2021 vintage.

Approximately 20 miles north of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays, and nestled between the Mayacamas and Vaca Mountain ranges, lies appellation St. Helena. The hourglass shape of this appellation's geography, and its distance from the cool waters of the Bay and the Pacific Ocean, set this historic location apart from any other growing region. Vineyards are located on ancient alluvial fans that sweep toward the Napa River. Consistent heat is locked in during the day and is amplified by the hillsides; at night, that same slender width funnels moderating breezes to dramatically cool the vines, sometimes by as much as 40 to 50 degrees. This extreme shift in temperature helps the fruit retain ideal balance and acidity.

This bottling is comprised of four Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards that all benefit from the summer warmth and sunlight of the St. Helena AVA: McGrath on Vallejo Street, Dr. Gold on Main Street, Leonardini between Sulphur Springs Avenue and Lewelling Lane and Criscione on Crystal Springs Road.

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 St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits aromas of dense blackberry, cherry, pomegranate, and citrus zest, supported with hints of cumin, tobacco, and graphite. The palate opens with a broad and generous mouthfeel of tart cranberry and acai berry, leading to a long lingering finish.”

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

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| <b>Varietal Composition:</b> | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon                                   |
| <b>Appellation:</b>          | St. Helena, Napa Valley                                   |
| <b>Vineyard:</b>             | 65% Dr. Gold, 29% Leonardini, 4% McGrath,<br>2% Criscione |
| <b>Barrel Aging:</b>         | 20 months in 50% new French oak                           |
| <b>Coopers:</b>              | Taransaud, Darnajou, Atelier                              |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>              | 14.7%   |
| <b>TA:</b>                   | 0.55 g/100 mL   |
| <b>pH:</b>                   | 3.82  |
| <b>Harvest Dates:</b>        | September 22 - October 14, 2021                           |
| <b>Bottling Date:</b>        | July 18, 2023   |
| <b>Release Date:</b>         | August 1, 2024  |
| <b>Cases Produced:</b>       | 475 (9 liter)   |
| <b>Suggested Retail:</b>     | \$110   |
| <b>Available Format:</b>     | 750 mL  |