



SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS

2021 JFC SIGNATURE

VINTAGE: Sixth

COMPOSITION: 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Malbec, 17% Cabernet Franc, 12% Tannat 11% Merlot, 4% Carménère

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley

VINEYARD: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981

OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD: 2 – 20+ Years

PRODUCTION: 566 Cases

PRICE: \$115 / 750ml SOS Only

VINEYARD BLOCKS: Caldwell 3, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, Upper Range F-12

YIELD: 3.2 Tons per Acre on Average

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 26 Years

GRAPE VARIETIES: See Composition Section

CLONES: Multiple

ROOTSTOCK: Multiple

HARVEST DATES: Multiple

VINTAGE SUMMARY: The 2021 Vintage can be classified as a severe drought year here in Napa Valley. With only 7.3" of rain from January to March, bud break was early, and bloom had higher stress than typical – leading to a smaller crop. Currently, I'm drawing comparisons in the cellar to the 2015 vintage, but with much less heat towards the end of the growing season, helping retain freshness and varietal expression and individuality. Overall, a very high-quality vintage (if you had water to irrigate with, which we luckily did), I foresee the vintage to be known for its structure, freshness, and long-term age-ability.

FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel

WOOD ORIGIN: New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

AGING: 100% French Oak, 60% New, for 18 Months

FINING: None

FILTERING: Filtered

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

BOTTLED ON: June 28, 2023

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES: The 2021 JFC Signature is the yin to the 2021 JFC Maverick's yang. A Bordeaux style blend, but with a healthy spike of Tannat. While the Maverick provides more immediate drinkability to the lineup, the Signature is designed to be more structured and age-worthy. Immediately upon opening the bottle, Signature shows an amazing florality. Raspberry, a hint of fresh bramble verdancy, and high toned cassis. The attack is opulent, but fresh, with hints of orange oil, bread from the Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. The unique Tannat addition provides tension and verve to the blend, while also creating the Signature's long, bright, and structured finish.