

2021
MAVERICK
RED

CALDWELL
(38° 17' N. Latitude, 122° 14' W. Longitude)

SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS

2021 MAVERICK by Caldwell, Napa Valley

VINTAGE: Fifth

COMPOSITION: Maverick's Secret

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley, CA

VINEYARD: Caldwell Vineyard, Kreuzer Vineyard

OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD: 2–10 Years

PRODUCTION: 549 Cases

PRICE: \$115 / 750ml SOS Only

VINEYARD BLOCKS:

Caldwell 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, Kreuzer 1 and 6

YIELD: 3.0 Tons per Acre on Average

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 30 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 VESSEL: Stainless

WOOD ORIGIN: New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

AGING: 100% French Oak, 75% New, for 20 Months

FINING: None

FILTERING: Yes

ALCOHOL: 15%

BOTTLED ON: June 28, 2023

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES: The 2021 SOS Maverick is open-knit, with tons of fruit and sweet French oak. Along with the Right Bank in the club wines, the Maverick is designed to open up the earliest after bottling. Tannins are extracted to be velvety and smooth; a more drinkable (chuggable?) style. Ripe red fruits lead up to a broad, rich mid palate, with a finish that linger forever with strong toasted flavors from Ramiro's barrels.