

2021  
RIGHT BANK  
RED

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

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**2021 RIGHT BANK** by Caldwell, Napa Valley

**VINTAGE:** Twelfth

**COMPOSITION:** 63% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Franc  
8% Cabernet Sauvignon

**APPELLATION:** Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley, CA

**VINEYARD:** Caldwell Vineyard, Kreuzer Vineyard

**OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD:** 2 – 15 Years

**PRODUCTION:** 441 Cases

**PRICE:** \$115 / 750ml SOS Only

**VINEYARD BLOCKS:**

Caldwell 3, 10, 11, 14, and 17

**YIELD:** 3.0 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 VESSEL:** Stainless and French Oak

**WOOD ORIGIN:** New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

**AGING:** 100% French Oak, 77% New, for 20 Months

**FINING:** None

**FILTERING:** Unfiltered

**ALCOHOL:** 15%

**BOTTLED ON:** July 24, 2023

**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:** The SOS Right Bank is always designed to be more open-knit and approachable in its youth, and the 2021 fits exactly that. Ripe, luscious, vanilla kissed raspberry with a dusty hi-toned minerality and electric blueberry note. Power from the young vine Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Grace from the old vine Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.