

# 2021 SIGNATURE SILVER

## BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Thirteenth
Composition:	39% Cabernet Franc, 27% Syrah, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot
Clones:	337, 15, 214, 332, 312, 595, 1, 3, Estrella, 470
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard, Kreuzer Vineyard
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 15, 17, 3, 14, 8, and Kreuzer
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	30 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	Several
Harvest Date:	Many

**Vintage Summary:** The 2021 vintage was 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, we're 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), destined to be known for its structure, freshness, and long-term age-ability.

Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	22 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	75%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled on:	July 18, 2023

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** The Bordeaux varieties express themselves more immediately than Syrah on the nose of the 2021 Silver. Beautifully floral yet simultaneously dark and brooding with dusty blue and riper red berries, aromatics of cola and a lifted hint of camphor are enveloped by a comforting caress of new Bercé French oak. The retronasal high-toned boysenberry is backed with a hint of confection from the dose of ripe Syrah, which also provides the succulent mid-palate weight. With significantly less Syrah than the 2019, and more Cabernet Franc, this wine and its tannins demonstrate the vintage's intensity and prowess for aging.

Cellaring:	2 – 22 Years
Production:	185 Cases
Price:	\$200 / 750ml