

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Syrah

BY CALDWELL

2021

Vintage:	Thirteenth
Composition:	100% Syrah
Clones:	Estrella, 470, and 877
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard and Kreuzer Vineyard
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 15F and Kreuzer
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	31 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	5BB and 3309
Harvest Date:	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
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	50%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	15.5%
Bottling Date:	July 12, 2023

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2021 VCB Syrah explodes with massive purple fruits, florality, iron, and olive tapenade on the nose. The palate is filled with decadent plum, blackberry, and fresh baking spices. The finish is incredibly floral in the retronasal with an absolutely creamy texture. The consistency of Caldwell's Syrah every vintage is stunning, but this year provides a bit more richness structure due to the drought of the vintage.

Cellaring:	Now - 15 Years
Production:	133 Cases
Price:	\$95/750ml

