



PARALLEL NAPA VALLEY

2021 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON "MONUMENT"

On the ski slopes, Black Diamond runs let you know that you are about to experience the most exhilarating runs the mountain has to offer. Our Black Diamond Reserve is used to mark the best barrels we produce annually. The 2009 release of Black Diamond Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was the beginning of an ongoing program that now culminates each year during Harvest Season with a "Name the Vintage" contest. Parallel Wines' fans submit a Black Diamond or Double Black Diamond ski run at a favorite resort, and the winner is rewarded with an etched 3L bottle of their named vintage upon its release.

PHILIPPE MELKA WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"THE 2021 GROWING SEASON STARTED AFTER A SECOND DRY WINTER IN A ROW WITH SOME SPRING RAINS THAT HELPED THE VINEYARDS DEVELOP HEALTHY CANOPIES. THE YIELDS WERE LOW WITH SMALLER BERRIES AND CLUSTERS, WHICH CREATED A UNIQUE VINTAGE WITH GREAT CONCENTRATION AND STRUCTURE, REFINED TANNINS AND GREAT ACIDITY - A TRUE AGE-WORTHY VINTAGE. THE 2021 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE 'MONUMENT' IS INKY IN COLOR WITH EXPRESSIVE AROMATICS OF LICORICE, VIOLETS AND FRESH PLUMS ON THE PALATE. IT IS FULL-BODIED WITH A HINT OF SWEETNESS AND FINE GRAIN TANNINS. FLAVORS OF BLACK CURRANT, BLACKBERRIES AND BOYSENBERRIES ARE BALANCED WITH GREAT ACIDITY AND FRESHNESS. THE WINE IS JUICY WITH A LONG STURCTURED FINISH. THIS IS A GREAT SHOWCASE OF THE VINTAGE AND THE BEAUTY OF NAPA VALLEY PRODUCING WINE THAT IS ALREADY EXPRESSIVE AND SHOWING WELL, BUT ALSO HAS EVERYTHING NEEDED TO AGE GRACEFULLY FOR 15+ YEARS."

95-97 POINTS - JEB DUNNUCK

"THE FLAGSHIP FROM THIS ESTATE IS THE 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE NAPA VALLEY MONUMENT, WHICH IS 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON THAT'S STILL RESTING IN 80% NEW OAK. ITS SATURATED PURPLE HUE IS FOLLOWED BY A RIPE, SEXY, FULL-BODIED BEAUTY WITH LOTS OF CASSIS AND CURRANT FRUIT AS WELL AS AMPLE SPICE AND FLORAL NOTES, TERRFFIC MID-PALATE DENSITY, VELVETY TANNINS AND OUTSTANDING LENGTH."



Vintage: 2021
Ski Resort: Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Mammoth Lakes, CA
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: September 23 & October 2, 2021
Alcohol: 15.3%
pH: 3.80
Brix: 26.2

Fermentation: Fermented lots individually in stainless steel tanks, average 3 days cold soak and 23 days on skins
Aging: French oak barrels for approximately 26 months, about 80% new French oak
Bottling Date: January 24, 2024
Production: 243 cases