



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

"DESPITE DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND LOWER YIELDS DURING THE GROWING YEAR, THE 2021 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE 'MONUMENT' OFFERS A DELICATE, SWEET NOSE OF FRESH VIOLET, ROSE AND MOLASSES. ITS STUNNING BOYSENBERRY HUES ARE FOLLOWED BY BRIGHT, CLEAN ACIDITY AND MORE LUSH TANNINS THAN SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THIS STRESSED VINTAGE. LAYERS OF DARK PLUM, SWEET FRENCH OAK, BLACK CURRANT AND FIG COMPLEMENT THE HINTS OF LEATHER, ANISE AND CEDAR. THE RESULTING WELL-BALANCED STRUCTURE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY NOW WITH CLASSIC AGE-ABILITY OVER THE NEXT 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, TERRIFIC 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