



# cartello

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Vintage:** 2021

**Origin:** United States

**Appellation:**

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County Estate Fruit, Mila Family Vineyard

**Soil:** Clay and Sand

**Age of Vines:** 10-12

**Elevation:** 400-500 Feet

**Varieties:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Farming:** Biodynamic (Practicing)  
Hand harvested

**Fermentation:**

Partially destemmed, fermented in stainless steel, gentle maceration with regular pump-overs.

**Aging:**

24 months in new and used French oak

**Ratings:** 93—Jeb Dunnuck

Cartello was born from the idea of restoring everyday value to the best that Alexander Valley has to offer. Sourced entirely from the Mila Family Estate, a stunning 54-acre property in the foothills of Geyser Peak, no attention to detail has been spared. It all started with a three-year land grant with US Davis School of Oenology back in 2003. With their findings another five years was spent planted the right grape vine clones in the perfect location on the property. From there, organic and biodynamic framing practices took over, and we've let the land and vintage speak for itself ever sense.

**2021** was a superb yet unsurprising vintage in the Alexander Valley, a welcomed year coming off of the issues of 2020. Moderate weather persisted throughout the summer with no real extremes. A late summer drought lead to an early harvest to preserve freshness. With no real spikes in the conditions, our fruit was of top quality and the yields were quite generous. The result was lively wines with great complexity, concentration and flavor. The perfect lens into the potential of Alexander Valley.

Cartello Cabernet Sauvignon is quintessential Sonoma Cab. Round and generous, it's everything you'd expect, but there's no denying it's seriousness from the quality of the farming, fruit and time spent in French oak. Aged 24 months in 50% new and 50% 2<sup>nd</sup> use oak, the end result is a class in restrained power from the region. Supple tannins, integrated oak with a backbone that is built for the long haul should you choose to hold onto a few bottles.