



2021 Andronicus Napa Valley

Napa Valley “Bordeaux” Blend



Winemaking can be magic when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That’s why we created Andronicus, a perfect blend of the five Bordeaux that together form a dynamic wine and mouthwatering value. Young vine fruit from our Estate Vineyards form the backbone of this vivacious wine. Bright, crisp, Merlot from the Carneros Hills adds herbed cherry fruit note and silky texture, red currant spiced Malbec from Calistoga provides aromatic lift, and the Petite Verdot from the eastern foothills gives the wine a dark spice bite in the finish. It’s an ideal Napa Valley blend for both the wine connoisseur and novice alike.

Appellation: Napa Valley | Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan
Bottled: March 2021 | Barrel Aging: 19 months in barrel

Blend:
42% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Cabernet Franc
15% Petite Verdot
9% Petite Sirah
9% Merlot
9% Malbec

Vintage

Late season rains and cool temperatures meant for a slightly later Spring with bud break occurring in the third week of March. Even weather throughout the Spring allowed the soils to dry out and flowering to occur unabated with balanced berry set happening across all varieties. June and July provided ideal weather to help the vines catch up a bit and proceed into veraison in early August. The heat of late Summer allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties. The mid-September harvest dates allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated and retain its natural acidity, yet softened tannins ideally for building a bold yet integrated wine.

Wine profile

The 2021 Andronicus is a fresh and vivacious wine that embodies the spirit of a classic “Bordeaux Blend.” The wine is ruby in color with charming aromas of dark cherry, plum, coffee, bouquet garni and allspice. Round and full-on entry the wine glides through the palate on tannins that are tactile and fine grained. Spiced cherry, savory roast and herbs lead to a juicy finish with red fruit and spice notes. Enjoy now through 2029.