

FOG CATCHER

NINER WINE ESTATES



VINEYARD

2021 was a benchmark vintage and many vintners, ourselves included, feel that it's one of the best of the last decade. We had the trifecta of an excellent growing season. It was dry, cool and long - everything we need to grow impressive Bordeaux grapes. The year started with a dry winter and cool spring, resulting in a lower-than-average fruit set and small berries. The weather was exceptional the rest of the year, allowing for slow, even ripening. We harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Carménère throughout September and October. From the start, it was obvious that it would be an exceptional year for all of our wines, including Fog Catcher.

IN THE WINERY

Fog Catcher is our flagship Bordeaux blend crafted from the top barrels each vintage. We hand-harvested the grapes, destemmed them and fermented them in stainless steel tanks. Each varietal was then aged in French oak barrels for a year. When our Winemakers tasted the barrels, they found the Cabernet Sauvignon to be stunning, with deep color and distinctive flavors. It became the star of this blend with plush Malbec and spicy Carménère playing supporting roles. They meticulously assembled the blend, selecting individual barrels of each varietal to earn a place in this prestigious cuvée. The wine then aged an additional 16 months in French oak barrels to continue to develop. The 2021 Fog Catcher is powerful and age-worthy, with a luxurious mouthfeel and harmonious balance of dark fruit, herbal and floral notes. It is poised to age beautifully over the next 10+ years.

VINTAGE	2021
BLEND	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Malbec, 5% Carménère
WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	337, 43, 169, 412, 595, 33, 31
ROOTSTOCK	101-14, 1103P
AVERAGE BRIX	26.5°
pH/TA	3.7/5.8 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.7 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	28 months
COOPERAGE	64% new French oOak