



2021 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

Kitoko Vineyard
Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Description

This wine is a barrel selection of the most elegant and concentrated lots to create a powerful wine. The wine is made from the blend of 4 blocks of the Kitoko Vineyard harvested in separate passes: 49% North Face, 34% Finger, 11% Bay View and 6% Gatos.

Vineyard

Kitoko Vineyard, named for the Congolese Lingala word for “beautiful,” is a 14.2-acre vineyard high on Atlas Peak, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in 2000 and 2003. The soils here are incredibly rocky, dry, and poor, quite like Pritchard Hill to the north, studded with fractured andesite rock and boulders. The proximity to the San Pablo Bay brings persistent winds, which along with the heat and arid soil, cause the set of very small berries and loose bunches, and consistently delay ripening each year.

Harvest

Rains fell throughout winter but only small amounts every time. No Pineapple express this year! Bud break mid-April followed by a very pleasant early season. Water availability was a challenge this year and we had to be very careful with our water use. Summer growing conditions were exceptionally good. The Growing Degree-Days (GDD) for 2021 were right in the middle of the pack when compared with recent growing seasons. Harvest lasted from the 4th to the 19th of October in numerous small harvests.

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| ALCOHOL LEVEL: | 14.3% |
| CÉPAGE: | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| ÉLEVAGE: | 20 Months in French oak, 77% new, 23% once-used |
| PRODUCTION: | 285 cases |
| OPTIMAL AGING: | 2025 - 2038 |