



2021 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

Pawa, Napa Valley

Description

Pawa is a Wappo Indian word that means One. One wine out of the blend of a few. It is a wine designed to be fresh, clean, and ultimately drinkable upon release. The fruit selection for this wine comes from the middle part of the harvest to produce a fruit forward wine.

Vineyard

Named for the Congolese Lingala word for “beautiful,” Kitoko is a 14.2-acre vineyard high on Atlas Peak, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in 2000 and 2003. The soils are incredibly rocky, dry, and poor, like Pritchard Hill to the north, studded with fractured andesite rock and boulders. 22.1% of this wine comes from the Bayview block, 20.2% North Face, 17.2% from Gatos, 15.4% from the Finger and 7.7% from Valley block in Kitoko Vineyard. The remaining 17.4% of the wine comes from the best barrels of Eagle’s Nest Vineyard, in between Monticello Road and Milliken Creek in Napa.

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.

ALCOHOL LEVEL: **13.9%**
CÉPAGE: **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**
ÉLEVAGE: **20 Months in French oak, 31% new,
54% once-used and 15% twice-used.**
PRODUCTION: **325 cases**
OPTIMAL AGING: **2025 - 2028**