



FLANAGAN

2021 BEAUTY OF THREE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

North Coast

HARVEST DATE: 9/28 - 10/11/2021

VARIETAL COMPONENTS: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

pH 3.68

TA 5.96

ABV: 14.5%

CASES PRODUCED: 497

RELEASE DATE: January 2023

PRODUCTION NOTES

Each year we have barrels of wine, produced in the same manner as our Flagship wine, that don't end up in our main release. The Beauty of Three is a blend of these lots. We created the Beauty of Three to allow our winemaking team the leeway to not use every barrel of 'A' quality wine in our flagship blend. This allows us to compose our "perfect blend" without compromise. The Beauty of Three is not a second tier wine in that sense...rather, it is the first tier wine not used in the blend.

The spring of 2021 was extremely dry. There was very little rain in the winter of 2020-2021 and we moved back into serious drought conditions by early spring. The lack of soil moisture led to weaker shoot growth and poor fruit set. Inland vineyards were the most affected. Overall the crop in Sonoma County was about 15% below normal. Coming on the heels of the total disaster of 2020 (which had two major fires in the middle of the growing season) this left wineries scrambling to find fruit. The 2021 vintage is excellent but small.

TASTING NOTES

The nose has beautiful notes of crushed Red Plum and Cedar. The palate has Red Currant, Red Plum skin, and Pomegranite. The wine is lush and more open knit than the 2019. It drinks like a young Pauillac from a riper vintage like 2015. This is a balanced wine with great purity. I encourage you to taste this blind with any Napa or Sonoma Cabernet (or Left Bank Bordeaux) anywhere near this price point.

