

“Displays fragrant black cherry and cassis layered with hazelnut and patisserie aromas from French oak barrel aging. Dark berry flavors saturate the palate and intertwine with well-tuned tannins and spice notes of cinnamon, nutmeg, and cocoa.”

- Brenden Wood
RED WINEMAKER

2021 J. LOHR CAROL'S VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

St. Helena, Napa Valley

J. LOHR VINEYARD SERIES

VINEYARD

Carol's Vineyard lies in northern St. Helena along the Napa River. It is planted to 27 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon (Clone 337 on 3309 rootstock) and 4.3 acres of Petit Verdot (Clone 400 on 3309 rootstock). The well-drained, gravelly, sandy loam soil here and the Bordeaux-like climate of the Napa Valley is ideally suited to producing richly textured, luxury-quality Cabernet.

VINTAGE

During the 2021 vintage, Napa Valley experienced its second consecutive year of drought conditions. The lack of rain led to natural vine balance and modest yields with small berries. The daytime temperatures in Napa Valley remained relatively moderate throughout the summer and autumn, allowing for patience in harvesting fruit at optimal ripeness. We hand-picked Cabernet Sauvignon on September 17th and October 8th and sorted berries using our Pellenc Selectiv system followed by a two-day cold soak. After fermentation on skins, the wine was racked to French oak barrels for 18 months of élevage.



HARVEST

DATES
September 17th and
October 8th, 2021

PROCESS
Hand-picked into half-ton
bins, destemmed and sorted

CHEMISTRIES
Brix 27.5°
TA 0.54 g/100ml
pH 3.51

COMPOSITION

96% Cabernet Sauvignon,
4% Petit Verdot

VINIFICATION

YEAST
Pinnacle Fructo Select

FERMENTATION
Délestage during peak
fermentation and 3 punch-
downs daily

TEMPERATURE
Peak of 88°F

MACERATION
2-day cold soak then
fermentation on skins for
6 days

MALOLACTIC
100% ML+ in barrels

MATURATION

TIME IN BARREL
18 months in French oak
barrels - 54% new

BARREL TYPE
Bordeaux export

COOPERS
Saury, Nadalie

BOTTLING

ACIDITY
pH 3.55
TA 0.62 g/100ml

ALCOHOL
14.5% by volume

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.03 g/100ml (dry)

PRODUCTION
4,378 six-bottle cases

CELLARING

Gratifying when enjoyed
young but can age with
sophistication for 12
years or more.

WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

Classic Napa Cabernet:
black cherry, cassis, and
powdered dark chocolate
flavors with fine-grained
tannins

FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled ribeye steak with
rosemary and shallots, or
porcini pork tenderloin.

