



## 2021 CALLUNA VINEYARDS CUVÉE

The 2021 Calluna Vineyards Cuvée is meant to be an expression of our Chalk Hill appellation where great sunlight and a cool climate produces intense fruit in a wine with balancing acidity, round tannins and moderate alcohol levels. The blend expresses the power of Cabernet Sauvignon, elegance of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, and a bit of showiness from Malbec and Petit Verdot.

*In 2021, the final blend for the Cuvée is comprised of:*

37% Merlot  
29% Cabernet Sauvignon  
19% Cabernet Franc  
11% Petit Verdot  
4% Malbec

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### TECHNICAL DETAILS

*Appellation*  
Chalk Hill

*Harvest dates*  
Merlot: September 9 & 16, 2021  
Cabernet Sauvignon: September 29,  
October 6, 8 & 9, 2021  
Petit Verdot: October 8, 2021  
Malbec: September 25, 2021  
Cabernet Franc: October 4, 2021

*Winemaking*  
Hand-harvested, manually sorted and  
fermented with a traditional method in  
open-top tanks with temperature control.

*Cooperage*  
21 months in 20% new  
French oak barrels

*pH*  
3.68

*Alcohol*  
14.1%

*Production*  
979 cases

*Release date*  
Fall 2024

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### Vintage

2021 will be remembered as a mercifully “normal” growing season, especially as it was bookended by 2020 (fires, smoke and heat spikes) and 2022 (the highest heat spikes we have ever experienced). 2021 was still part of the drought years, so the growing season kicked off on the earlier side, as was becoming the norm. But there were no major fires nor significant heat spikes, and Calluna did not really feel the drought because we have adequate water (which is used sparingly anyway). So overall we have a very fine vintage for you in 2021.

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### ABOUT CALLUNA VINEYARDS

Calluna Vineyards took root in Sonoma County in 2005 with 12-acres in the Chalk Hill appellation planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. From its advantageous hillsides overlooking the Russian River Valley, Chalk Hill is known for its mild climate and soils of clay underlain with fractured shale and sandstone. Five more acres were added in 2014, including Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon for the production of our white wine, Calluna Estate Blanc.

### DAVID A. JEFFREY, *Winemaker and Founder*

After 20 years of studying and collecting the wines of Bordeaux and California, David moved to the West Coast and enrolled in Fresno State's Enology program in 2001. Determined to make his dream a reality, David spent 3½ years studying winemaking and grape growing as he completed his degree and worked at Chateau Quinault in Bordeaux, France.