

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973



2021 RUBAIYAT NAPA VALLEY

Rubaiyat takes its name from the famous lines penned by 12th-century Persian poet Omar Khayyám. This wine opens with aromas of raspberries, black cherry and hints of dried hay and violet. On the palate, layered expressions of blackberry and black cherry are balanced by bright acidity. Fine, soft tannins provide structure along with a touch of minerality, lingering black cherry notes round out the finish.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

This red blend is comprised of 69% Syrah and 31% Pinot Noir. We harvested the pinot noir in Napa Valley where the fruit provides us both intensity and balance. The Syrah is picked from our Suscol Springs vineyard in the southeastern part of the Napa Valley. The rocky hillsides of the vineyard develop grapes with concentrated flavors, firm tannins and bright acidity.

The 2021 vintage began with a dry winter giving way to a mild but warm spring and summer. The long season and warm summer days promoted even ripening, and along with drought conditions, led to low-yields of grapes with concentrated flavors and terrific quality.

WINEMAKING

Each year, our winemaker selects multiple small lots of red wine to create a robust, fruity, and balanced red blend. Every vineyard lot is hand-harvested at night to preserve the fresh fruit flavors and acidity of the grapes. Fermentation starts in small, open-top, stainless-steel tanks. Fermenting wine forms a cap of skins, and we punch this cap down by hand to gently reintroduce the skins to the wine and extract optimal color and flavor. The 2021 Rubaiyat aged for 10 months in French oak barrels (35% new) to capture fruit-forward aromas, juicy flavors, and supple tannins. .

GRAPE VARIETY

69% Syrah, 31% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS

100% Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

September 4 – October 9, 2021

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.2%

ACIDITY 0.59G/100 ml

PH 3.59

BOTTLE July 2022

AGING Aged 10 months in
35% new French
oak, 65% neutral
French oak

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