

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2021 LINDA'S HILLSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from ovarian cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON NOTES: The 2021 growing season in Oak Knoll was one of remarkable balance and purity. A dry winter and mild spring led to smaller yields, concentrating flavor and character in every berry. Warm, even days and cool nights allowed the fruit to ripen slowly, preserving vibrant acidity while developing deep color and layered aromatics. The result is a vintage that captures the best of Oak Knoll's signature elegance — wines that are rich and expressive, yet beautifully poised and refined. After a final warm trend in early October, we picked the Cab blocks on October 18th and October 19th, only a few days ahead of Napa's large rainstorm on October 24th that brought significant rains.

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 20 months in Oak – 45% new: 100% French Oak

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES: Our 2021 vintage opens with inviting aromas of black cherry, blackberry, vanilla, and five-spice, accented by delicate hints of bay leaf and cocoa. On the palate, generous flavors of chocolate cherries, ripe plum, and spice unfold in graceful layers, leading to a long, savory bay-infused cacao finish. The mouthfeel is plush and velvety, balanced by a lively thread of acidity that brings freshness and lift to the wine's rich core. We recommend some cellaring and an aerative decanting through 2028.

PRODUCTION: 73 cases