

2021 UNPRECEDENTED Cabernet Sauvignon



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Oakville AVA, Napa Valley, CA
25 Cases Produced
Alcohol % 15.4
Harvest Date Sept/Oct 2021
Bottling Date 2/6/2024
27 Months in 100% New French Oak
Drinking Window: 2025–2045

UNPRECEDENTED was born out of that "unprecedented year," 2020, when we discovered that 3 of our 9 barrels in production were clearly better than the rest. We set aside a portion of each of those barrels and bottle just 12 cases of the best 2019 wine from IMPLICIT CELLARS. We have continued the search for the "best barrels" each harvest and draw from them to blend a mere 25 cases of our best wine of the vintage.

The 2021 grape harvest in the Oakville AVA of Napa Valley was defined by a cool growing season with moderate temperatures, which allowed for a long, steady ripening period. These conditions helped preserve the natural acidity and freshness in the fruit, while also allowing the grapes to develop deep, complex flavors. Overall, the harvest produced small, concentrated yields with excellent fruit quality, characterized by vibrant acidity, rich color, and strong varietal expression, making it a vintage with exceptional potential.

Winemaker Notes: This 'blockbuster' of a Cabernet Sauvignon opens with an inviting bouquet of fresh, ripe red fruits, intertwined with deep, luscious black fruit aromas. The nose is rich with blackberries, black cherries, and hints of crushed, savory cooking spices that add a touch of complexity.

On the palate, UNPRECEDENTED presents itself with firm, yet gradually unfolding tannins that give way to a more expressive mouthfeel as it breathes. Rich layers of coffee and espresso emerge, perfectly complementing the concentrated black fruit flavors of blackberry and black cherry. The finish is long and persistent, extending over a minute, leaving a lingering impression of dark fruit and subtle, roasted coffee nuances. This wine shows a great balance of freshness and depth, with a promising future ahead as its youthful, terrordriven tannins soften with time.

~ Kirk Venge