

The Counselor

2021 THE COUNSELOR
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RIVER PASS VINEYARD
ALEXANDER VALLEY
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA



WINEMAKER Nick Goldschmidt

TASTING NOTES

Nice deep purple with good intensity. The nose is fresh blueberry with red and black cherry. The mouth has more vertical tannins with good tension. Intense dark cherry with a hint of plum. The finish builds in the mouth with a nice fresh and supple tannin finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was one of the longest ripening seasons I can recall. The season started around 3 weeks early due to the lack of water in the soil and the early warm spring temperatures. We were saved to some degree by a cooling trend that hit once we were at veraison in August. I think 2021 will be a top vintage in the Alexander Valley. Cabernets are very dark and extracted, with nice balance and freshness. 30% lower than average yield helped with the concentration but as River Pass is only lightly irrigated yields remain similar by year.

THREE DISTINCT BLOCKS

River Pass Vineyard is composed of three distinct blocks, harvested at precisely the right moment to maximize the unique flavors and complexity of each parcel. First, Nick creates three separate wines highlighting the defining characteristics of each block: power, elegance and density. Next, he masterfully blends the three wines, delivering one extraordinary single lot, single clone Cabernet Sauvignon. An Alexander Valley classic is born.

AVA: Alexander Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

CLONE: 7 on 110R

LAND: Hillside or piedmont. Clay loam.

YIELD: 3.2 tons per acre, hand harvested

VINEYARD: 7 acres nestled in Passalacqua Ranch

ALC: 14.2% PH: 3.68 T.A.: 6.2 g/L

FINING: No

AGING: 9 months in a barrel

FORMATS: 750ml Bottle

FERMENT: 10 ton fermenters for 40 days

BARRELS: 15% new Demptos French Oak, Central France

ABOUT THE COUNSELOR: It is the land that provides the ultimate counsel. With more than 30 years of experience in the Alexander Valley, winemaker Nick Goldschmidt takes his time, listens to the land for guidance, interprets the elements, and shares the creation. The River Pass Vineyard is located just north of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. Nick Goldschmidt has been working this site for 20 years.

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