



GAGNON-KENNEDY

# 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 'NAPA VALLEY CUVÉE'

**Appellation:**  
Napa Valley

**Alcohol:**  
14.9%

**Production:**  
750 cases

**Vineyard Selection:**  
Oakville, Rutherford,  
Calistoga & Coombsville

**Oak Treatment:**  
60% New French  
Oak

## Notes:

Marc and I approach this wine as the symphony made up from our historic single vineyards. When looking at Napa Valley as a whole, the terroir is wildly diverse - from warm to cool, mountain to valley floor. It's our goal for this wine to be a Gagnon-Kennedy interpretation of the valley in totality. It includes our home vineyard, the Caldwell Vineyard in Coombsville, plus Beckstoffer Georges III in Rutherford, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper, the Old Federal Block in Oakville and Samuel Brannan in Calistoga. Each barrel that goes into the Cuvée selected first-drawing our inspiration from Krug Champagne's masterful Grande Cuvée. -Michael Kennedy

*Vintage Summary:* The 2021 Vintage can be classified as a severe drought year here in Napa Valley (and throughout California). With only 7.3" of rain from January to March, bud break was early, and bloom had higher stress than typical - leading to a smaller crop. Currently, I'm drawing comparisons in the cellar to the 2015 vintage, but with much less heat towards the end of the growing season, helping retain freshness and varietal expression and individuality. I'm also finding similarities to the 2013 vintage, one of the most exceptional vintages in history, and I foresee the 2021 vintage to be known for its structure, precision, and long-term age-ability. -Marc Gagnon, Winemaker

