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MISSOURI HOPPER VINEYARD 2021

Appellation:

Oakville,
Napa Valley

Alcohol:

14.9%

Production:

4 barrels, 98 cases

Variety:

100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

Vineyard Selection:

Beckstoffer Missouri
Hopper
Soil: Silty Clay Loam

Oak Treatment:

75% New French Oak

Notes:

The 2021 Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Cabernet Sauvignon is our second vintage from this famed vineyard. Located on the Oakville/Yountville line, Missouri Hopper was originally part of a large piece of land owned by George C. Yount, the man from whom the town of Yountville takes its name. Charles Hopper later purchased this land and gifted it to his daughter Missouri in 1877. The land was planted to wine grapes along with prunes and walnuts (as much of Napa's land was at that time). In 1960, the land was purchased by Bruce Kelham as part of the historic Vine Hill Ranch until 1996, when Andy Beckstoffer acquired ownership of the vineyard.

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

