

Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.



2021 CYRUS - 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley	Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 55% Merlot 26% Cabernet Franc 15% Petit Verdot 2% Malbec 2%	Harvest Date: 9/7 - 10/8/21	Alcohol: 14.3% pH: 3.56 TA: 6.8 g/L RS: 0.27 g/L	Cases: 6,048 (6 pks) UPC: 0-85798 11062-9 SRP: \$75
First Vintage: 1995		Cave Aged: 12 months prior to blending, 12 months after blending		

In 1840 Alexander Valley namesake Cyrus Alexander rode into our valley and called it the "brightest and best spot in the world". He chose this spot to build his home and raise his family, and many years later we would do the same. Our 27th release is our tribute to the man, the region and the best of the vintage.

Varietal	Lots	Aging	Aromatics	Traits
Cabernet Sauvignon	3	French & American oak	Complex, chocolate, spice, vanilla, cassis & dark fruits	Dark fruit black cherry: black cherry, blackberry berry, big grippy tannins
Merlot	3	French & American oak	Slightly floral	Fruit forward - cherry, cassis & plum
Cabernet Franc	1	French oak	Strong floral, blueberry & dark fruit	Sweet fruit, dark chocolate, cassis & vanilla
Malbec	1	French oak	Floral & red fruit	Intense inky color, deep flavors of raspberry & candied fruit
Petit Verdot	1	French oak	Blueberry & vanilla	Dark inky purple color, great acidity on the finish

2021 was almost a perfect growing season, though it began with a cold start, and lack of rain. The weather warmed up, but the drought continued. This was followed by weeks of steady daytime heat and cool evenings. The berries ripened evenly; however yields were a bit lighter than in prior vintages due to the lack of rainfall, resulting in grapes with loads of concentrated flavors.

After harvest, each lot was fermented and cave aged separately for 12 months, blended to showcase the vintage, then cave aged for an additional 12 months in French oak barrels to meld the flavors. Additional bottle aging resulted in a seamless blend.

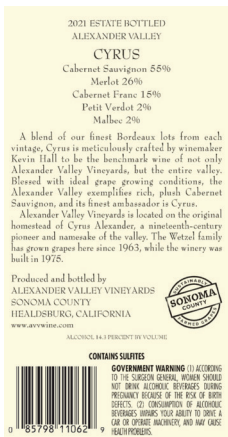
This dark purple wine is filled with layered fruit aromas that hint at the complex flavors in the glass. Cassis, black cherry, cherry, dark chocolate, vanilla and oak aromas lead to similar flavors. This vintage is a timeless classic with integrated tannins, beautiful balance, and a long, structured finish.

Profile:

Expressive, aromatic, elegant and balanced.

Accolades:

2021: 93 points - James Suckling



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