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SONOMA COUNTY
2025 marks 50 years of winemaking at Alexander Valley Vineyards.
Since our first vintage in 1975, our family has created wines of
distinction for everyone. As the decades have passed our family owned winery has become well known for our hand-crafted, elegan wines. We're celebrating that first vintage of our most disti zine with a limited release of this historic label. The Wetzel Family th a limited release of this historic label. I he weizer F located on the property settled in the 1840s by Alexa namesake Cyrus Alexander, showcases the history, trac ellence of the region. Every bottle shares our story and



## 2021 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon - 750ml

Appellation: Blend:

Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

**Harvest Date:** 9/10/21

**Alcohol: 14.5%** pH: 3.55 **TA:** 6.6 g/L Cave Aged:

Cases: 600 (6 pks) UPC: 0-85798 02852-8

**SRP:** \$100

36 months in French Oak RS: 0.13 g/L

2025 is a monumental year for us, The Wetzel Family is celebrating 50 years of Alexander Valley Vineyards!

When the winery began in 1975, 24-year-old Hank Wetzel was solely responsible for producing 7,500 cases of wine and for building the two-story structure that is still in use today. He had one cellar worker helping him and his wife, Linda, as company bookkeeper. The years have flown by, and we have faced challenges and experienced success, all while continuing our commitment to showcasing the special place we call home.

Early on the distinctive flavor profile that has defined Cabernet Sauvignon from the Alexander Valley was quickly recognized as being dramatically different than grapes from other regions. Alexander Valley's warm days and cool nights produce grapes with an exceptional balance of ripe fruit flavors tempered by beautiful acidity and smooth tannins. Hank Wetzel's first vintage in 1975 capitalized on that flavor profile. In honor of that inaugural vintage, we selected one lot of Cabernet Sauvignon for our 50th anniversary release. The small vineyard is planted to Clone 7, which originated from the Concannon Mother Vine, that originally came from France as cuttings in the late 1800s. Widely considered the workhorse of California Cabernet this clone embodies the legacy of Cabernet Sauvignon at AVV.

2021 was an almost perfect growing season, though it began with a cold start, and lack of rain. Over the summer the drought continued, leading to lighter yields, and small intensely, concentrated berries with dark color and rich flavors.

After harvest the wine was de-stemmed, fermented and cave aged for 36 months in 100% new French oak barrels accentuating the complexity and firm tannins in the wine. The deep inky color and rich aromatics of this limited Cabernet Sauvignon alludes to the depth of flavor in the glass. Dark fruit flavors of cherry and boysenberry are tempered by oak, vanilla, menthol and chocolate. This is classic Alexander Valley Cab, filled with texture and finishing with silky smooth tannins. Not a day goes by without someone asking the Wetzel Family about their favorite wine. For us the answer is easy, "Cabernet Sauvignon". This bottle celebrates 50 years of winemaking at Alexander Valley Vineyards with a return to the label that started it all.

## **Profile:**

Rich, silk, elegant, filled with layers of dark fruit.

## **Prior Cabernet Sauvignon Accolades:**

2021 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon: 92 points - James Suckling

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon organically grown: 90 points - Wine Enthusiast

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