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2021 Alexander School Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon – 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley	Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%	Harvest Date: 9/10/21	Alcohol: 14.5%	Cases: 1,700 (6 pks)
		Cave Aged: 36 months in French Oak	pH: 3.55	UPC: 0-85798 10006-4
			TA: 6.6 g/L	SRP: \$60
			RS: 0.13 g/L	

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as Alexander School Reserve. We continue that tradition with this newest release, a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

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.

This lot was selected from one of Winemaker Kevin Hall's favorite vineyards. The site is planted with Clone 7 on an extreme grade with a 30% slope. Vines struggle in this location producing small, intensely concentrated berries with dark color and rich flavors.

After harvest on September 10, 2021, the lot was de-stemmed, fermented, then aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 36 months to accentuate the complexity and firm tannins. Inky color and enticing dark fruit aromas of cassis, black cherry, plum and boysenberry, along with oak, vanilla and chocolate fill the glass.

This is a rich wine with opulent aromas dark fruit aromas of cassis, black cherry, black plum, oak, vanilla and chocolate that translate to similar structured flavors of cherry boysenberry, oak, vanilla, menthol and chocolate. While big, this wine has nice texture, a smooth entry and well integrated, silky smooth tannins.

If you are a fan of big Cabs, then take our advice, buy more than one bottle!

About Alexander School Reserve Wines:

Limited production wines that focus on some of the best and unique lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites. Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.

Profile:

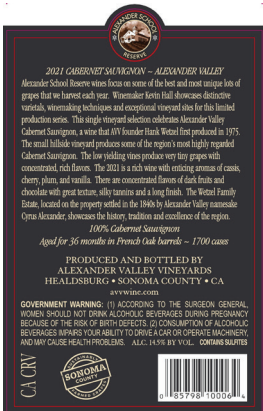
Rich texture, balanced acidity, silky, smooth tannins. Layered dark fruits and a chocolate note.

Pairing Suggestions:

Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing. Try it with pork osso bucco for a decadent meal.

Accolades:

- 2020: 93 points** - James Suckling
- 2019: 92 points** - James Suckling
- 2018: 91 points** - James Suckling



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