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Napa Valley AVA
145 Cases Produced
Alcohol % 15.2
Harvest Dates Fall 2021
Bottling Date 7/10/2023
22 months in 66% New French Oak

2021 INNUENDO Cabernet Sauvignon



innuendo ~ a subtle hint

Created from a blend of the juice from our flagship wines as well as other iconic Napa Valley vineyards, INNUENDO is a complex Cabernet Sauvignon that is very approachable in its youth, but will age gracefully over 10 – 15 years. The flavors expressed in INNUENDO provide a *subtle hint* of what to expect from the Acuity and Privity Cabernet Sauvignons.

The 2021 grape harvest in Napa Valley was a season marked by both promise and challenge. The year began with early bud break, raising concerns about potential frost damage, but the region was largely spared from this threat. A relatively dry and warm growing season followed, leading to optimal ripening conditions. As the harvest progressed, vintners reported a smaller-than-average grape yield, but the quality of the grapes harvested was outstanding. The reduced crop size contributed to enhanced concentration and intensity of flavors, particularly in Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

Winemaker Notes: Wow, what a fine, highly palatable wine from an incredible vintage!! INNUENDO begins with a beautiful, clean crimson color that radiates from the glass. A sense of emotion and excitement felt just from pouring it into the glass! A wonderful black fruit and cherry nose lifts right away. Those ripe scents are backed by more complex hints of wet stones, blackberry jam, fresh picked raspberries, and oak spice. The few moments hovering above the glass simply cannot allow enough time to mention every nuance. This wine walks the tightrope of balance and doesn't falter. The aromatic start transitions to the palate nearly seamlessly in every way. Warmth and viscosity, with grand flavors of cherry and clove abound. The tannins show their stature and finesse and are even a touch on the youthful/chewy side suggesting more time in the bottle will yield nicely. Cellared correctly, this wine will be enjoyed through 2036 and beyond. ~ *Kirk Venge*