



## 2021 PAHLMAYER PROPRIETARY RED WINE NAPA VALLEY

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| HARVESTED    | September 13 - October 19, 2021                                      |
| VINEYARDS    | Stagecoach, Upper Range, Waters Ranch, and Vangone                   |
| BOTTLED      | July 2023  |
| COMPOSITION  | 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot,<br>1.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Malbec |
| ALCOHOL      | 14.9%  |
| WINEMAKER    | Katie Vogt   |
| RELEASE DATE | Spring 2024  |

### VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was a remarkable growing year. All of our vineyards expressed themselves in their purest form. There was a lot of distinct character, block to block, which allowed us to create truly unique, interesting, and compelling wines. An arid year resulted in meager yields throughout our vineyards, fewer clusters, and tiny berries giving us gorgeous concentration. While it was an early vintage, gentle weather throughout the growing season allowed the vineyards to develop steadily and fully, resulting in intense, complex fruit. The berries retained naturally high acidity levels, and with low yields and small berries, they achieved a concentrated tannin profile. That ideal combination of acidity and tannin – with a pure, powerful fruit core – indicates this will be an age-worthy vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2021 vintage was phenomenal across all our varieties, particularly for Cabernet Sauvignon. Each of our mountain vineyards delivered incredibly intense, concentrated, low-yield fruit with the ideal combination of acidity and tannin. This vintage allowed reflection and consideration: “What is it giving us? How do we let each vine be the best version of itself?” As a result, we ended up with extraordinarily pure expressions of singular blocks.

We hand harvested each of our high-elevation sites in the cool of night and meticulously hand sorted and destemmed at the winery before fermenting and aging each lot separately. The individual lots were aged in nearly 100% new Taransaud oak barrels for 20 months. Stagecoach delivered power and intensity, while Upper Range exhibited exemplary classic mountain Cabernet character with gorgeous savory nuance and refined tannins. Waters Ranch brought depth and balance, and a touch of Vangone – a fantastic site that mirrors Stagecoach – lent even more richness and concentration. After blending, the wine was bottled in July 2023 for additional bottle age before release.

### WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The 2021 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red captures the essence of this stellar low-yielding vintage: powerful yet refined, intense yet luscious. Aromas of lingonberry and boysenberry interplay with flickerings of green peppercorn, saddle leather, and forest floor, culminating in a beautifully lifted bouquet. The tightly wound palate frames a core of intense plum and cassis layered with licorice spice. Polished tannins give way to a mid-palate rich with macerated blackberry and freshly grated nutmeg. This articulate, broad-shouldered blend is poised to evolve gracefully over the next two decades.  
– *Winemaker Katie Vogt*