



2021 VINTAGE

Appellation
Oakville Napa Valley

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Soil Types
Gravelly and clay loam

Vineyard grape varieties
Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc,
Petit Verdot

Viticulture
Dry-farming (no irrigation)
Soil tillage (French plow)
Vine growth management adapted to the
climatic conditions

Harvest
Manual harvest; sunny side of the vines
picked a few days before the shady side
Manual and optical sorting

2021 Harvest
From 21st to September 30th

Winemaking
Gentle pump-overs and extraction

Aging
18 months in French oak barrels
(40% new oak)

■ ULYSSES

Oakville Napa Valley

Ulysses vineyard was acquired in 2008 by Christian Moueix. Situated along Napa Valley's Oakville bench and extending over an alluvial fan at the foot of the Mayacamas Range, the site was once part of the famed Charles Hopper ranch and it is exceptional for winegrowing.

The soil is composed of deep, gravelly, clay loam and is particularly well-suited to growing Cabernet Sauvignon.

Since the acquisition, Christian Moueix and his team have pursued an in-depth understanding of the soil and microclimate and have undertaken a lengthy and meticulous vineyard restoration.

Dry farming, the foundation of Ulysses' sustainable farming practices, enhances root depth and resistance to drought, resulting in a wine that is a pure expression of terroir.

The winemaking team's intention is to produce a wine reflecting the exceptional potential and individuality of the Ulysses vineyard. The approach is minimalist, with attentive observation and restrained intervention. Harvested at perfect ripeness with the utmost care, the grapes undergo both cluster and berry selection before a gentle vinification and aging.

Ulysses is a distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. It should be decanted prior to serving.

■ 2021 Vintage

The vintage was characterized by a dry winter and spring, with a total of 14" of rain (July 2020 to June 2021, historical average: 31"). 2021 was the second consecutive year of a drought that started in January 2020.

Temperatures were constantly warm over the growing season, moderately higher than the historical average and remained consistent throughout the ripening period.

The weather conditions in 2021 favored an early hydric constraint which promoted production of small berries with high levels of phenolic compounds and deeply intense aromas.

High-toned, luminous, passionfruit, focused red berries, flinty with an elegant, long finish.