

# CLOS DE NAPA

2021 OAKVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Blend:** 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

**Alc:** 14.5% by vol. | **Aging:** 18 Months in French Oak

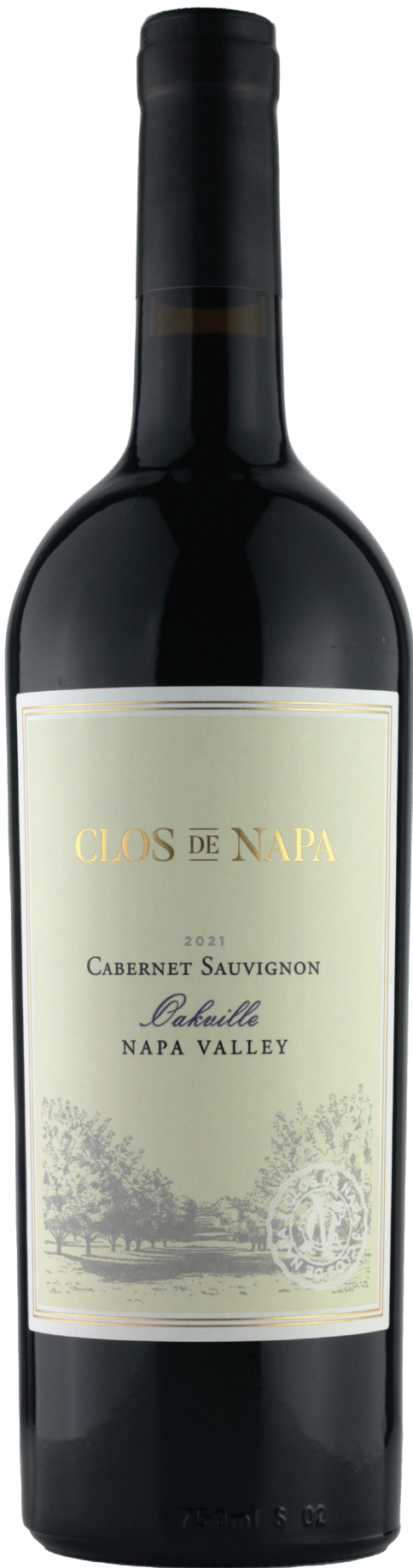
**pH:** 3.75 | **Acidity:** 5.7 g/mL | **Residual Sugar:** 3.5 g/L

## VINEYARDS

Grapes were selectively harvested from premium vineyards with well-drained, gravelly soils, ensuring optimal ripeness and flavor concentration. Following a gentle destemming and crushing process, the must was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve the fruit's integrity and enhance the extraction of rich colors, flavors, and tannins. This controlled fermentation process was crucial for developing the wine's robust structure and depth. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acidity and enrich the mouthfeel, adding a creamy texture that is integral to the wine's complexity and balance. The Cabernet Sauvignon was then aged in French oak barrels, with a significant portion being new, to introduce layers of complexity and subtle toasty notes. This oak aging process, typically lasting 18 months, allowed the flavors to integrate and evolve, developing a sophisticated profile characterized by notes of vanilla, spice, and subtle oak nuances. Throughout the maturation process, the wine was regularly monitored and tasted to ensure optimal development, resulting in a well-rounded and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon that embodies the distinctive elegance and power of Oakville, with the potential to age gracefully for many years.

## WINE

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon from Oakville is a stunning example of Napa Valley's prowess in producing world-class wines. This wine displays a deep, rich garnet color, indicative of its robust structure and depth. On the nose, it exudes a luxurious bouquet of dark fruits like blackcurrant and black cherry, elegantly layered with complex notes of cedar, tobacco, and a hint of dark chocolate, reflecting the sophisticated use of oak. The palate is full-bodied and rich, offering a seamless integration of ripe dark berries with refined tannins that provide a smooth yet structured mouthfeel. Nuances of vanilla and a subtle earthiness enhance the fruit-forward profile, leading to a long, opulent finish that leaves a lasting impression of elegance and finesse. This 2021 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon is a testament to the exceptional terroir and meticulous winemaking that define the region, making it an excellent choice for aging or enjoying now with a sumptuous meal.



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