

MARK HEROLD WINES



2021 MASTODON

One Vineyard. One Varietal. One Barrel.

THE VINEYARD

Oakville Ranch sits 1400' high above Napa Valley on the eastern slopes. The organically farmed vineyard is strewn with ancient volcanic rock outcroppings and is bathed in all-day sunlight. The vines produce low yield, small-berried clusters of incredible Cabernet Sauvignon. Mastodon is a selection of one exceptional barrel from my Oakville Ranch lot that I believe captures the personality of this remarkable vineyard as well as vintage year.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Mastodon shows off a mesmerizing bouquet offering up ripe blackberries, dark plums, blueberries, boysenberries and crushed violets. Layers of complexity include nuances of dark chocolate, roasted coffee beans, graphite, and tobacco that add depth to the aromatic profile. The palate is a symphony of flavors, showcasing a seamless integration of luscious black/ purple fruits, and a subtle but persistent minerality.

This wine is a tour de force, displaying impeccable structure and balance that belies its intensity. Firm, yet velvety tannins provide a backbone to the opulent fruit core, while vibrant acidity lifts the palate and ensures a long, lingering finish. The 2021 Mastodon is an amazing expression of its terroir, capturing the essence of the vintage with finesse and power. Delicious now and over the next two decades.

APPELLATION
Oakville, Napa Valley

SINGLE VINEYARD
Oakville Ranch,
Napa Valley

VARIETAL
Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
20 months,
100% new French oak

ALCOHOL
15.2%

RELEASE DATE
April 2024

PRODUCTION
One barrel,
magnums (1.5L) only

**SUGGESTED RETAIL
PRICE**
\$750