

## 2021 Gravelly Meadow

Planted in 1968, Diamond Creek Vineyards produces single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons that changed the destiny of Napa Valley wines.

Gravelly Meadow (5 acres) is an ancient riverbed in one of the cooler microclimates of the estate, partly sheltered by the surrounding forest. The soil is alluvial and inundated with an array of small stones and river rocks. The site often produces some of the most aromatic and elegant wines.

"The dry winter and spring of 2021 significantly impacted the size of the crop, resulting in the lowest overall yield seen on the estate in more than a decade. As is often the case in drought years, smaller clusters and berries translated into wines of incredible depth and intensity. We are always in awe of the composure and grace with which old, dry farmed vines handle challenging weather and this vintage is no exception."

- Graham Wehmeier, Winemaker and Vineyard Director
- Harvested October 8th, 2021
- Carefully sorted grapes, gravity fed to open top fermenters and managed using a combination of punchdowns and pumpovers
- 14 to 28 days skin contact, followed by elevage in French barrels for 20 months
- Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Malbec
- Black cherry, woodland berries, anise, violet, graphite, exotic. Finessed, layered palate, very silky especially in context of other vintage 21s. 324 cases produced.

