

2021 Red Rock Terrace

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

Red Rock Terrace (7 acres) is a hillside vineyard with a north-facing aspect, centered around an old vine terraced site. The rocky, volcanic soils contain high amounts of iron that have weathered to form a deep red hue. Temperatures are moderated by the northern exposure.

"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 September 17th to October 9th, 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: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Verdot, 6% Malbec
- Cherry, pomegranate, licorice, cumin, bay laurel, dusty minerals. Vibrant on entry, lively-nervy tannin, settles down on mid palate. Layered, structured finish. 399 cases produced.

