



2021 Volcanic Hill

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

Volcanic Hill (8 acres) is a south-facing hillside vineyard overlooking the creek. The soil is rhyolitic tuff - a light gray ash with veins of quartz originally deposited by ancient volcanic eruptions. The vineyard sits in the estate's warmest microclimate and produces some of the most powerful, long lived 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 September 14th to 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: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petite Verdot
- Ripe berry fruit, black licorice, freshly tilled soil, backed by spicy, savory notes. Also slightly brambly, peppery. Plenty of fine-grained tannin. 370 cases produced.

