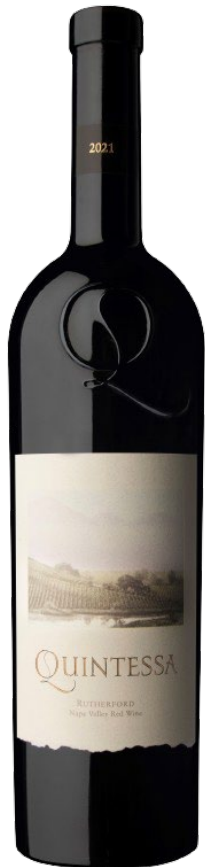


QUINTESSA



A vintage of complexity

Quintessa 2021

VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter marked the start of 2021, informing a pruning approach that would encourage balanced ripening. Spring was refreshingly cool, and clusters developed slowly. Summer days were then moderately warm. The fruit ripened smoothly and evenly, exhibiting great color, bright acidity, and exciting flavor complexity.

With a small crop—and smaller canopies and clusters—we began harvesting early to achieve optimum balance and vibrancy. The weather held in our favor with moderate late season temperatures, and the fruit was in beautiful condition come harvest.

WINE NOTES

Our 2021 unfolds with Quintessa's signature balance of complex fruit, precise structure, and vital freshness amplified by an especially beautiful growing season. Floral notes—violet and lilac—lift an intensely aromatic bouquet of cassis and black cherry accented with anise, bay laurel, and forest floor. On the palate, firm but fine-grained tannins back dark berry and savory herb flavors interwoven with graphite and iron. Generous texture carries the complex layers to a fine, chalky finish.

APPELLATION:

Rutherford, Napa Valley

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BOTTLING DATE:

July 2023

BARREL AGING:

22 Months

OAK:

65% New French Oak, 32% Neutral,
3% Terracotta Amphora

HARVEST:

September 8 – October 18, 2021

VARIETIES:

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Cabernet Franc
3% Carménère
1% Merlot
1% Petit Verdot

QUINTESSA

Notable Recognition

Quintessa 2021

“An exquisite wine...from a single estate. Aromas of lavender, dried herbs, and grapefruit pith combine with flavors of firm fruits and cocoa on a structure of abundant, powder-fine tannin and a mouthwatering finish. This wine is refined, detailed, and delicious with as much elegance as energy.”

100 points

ELAINE CHUKAN BROWN, WINE ENTHUSIAST, April 2024

“So much graphite and volcanic character on the nose with metal shavings and gunpowder. Black ink, iron and rust, too. Blackberry and blackcurrant undertones. Full-bodied but not overpowering, with chewy and juicy tannins that are long and very subtle. Superb finish. From biodynamic grapes with Demeter certification.”

99 points

JAMES SUCKLING, December 2023

“Offers pure blue fruits, spring flowers, violets, and spicy oak, with a beautiful chalky, mineral note that comes through more on the palate. It’s elegant, full-bodied, has ultra-fine tannins, good acidity, and terrific length. It’s another gorgeous wine that will evolve for 15+ years.”

98 points

JEB DUNNUCK, February 2024

“Intensely aromatic and perfumed... a dense core of succulent boysenberry fruit, plums, and kirsch, all of which have tremendous staying power...”

98 points

JONATHAN CRISTALDI, DECANTER, April 2024

“Medium to full-bodied, suave and silky, all class and elegance... If one were to have a complaint about it (hardly likely), it’s that it comes across as almost too polished, too elegant, too easy to drink.”

96 points

JOE CZERWINSKI, WINE ADVOCATE, January 2024