

# THE PACT

## COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY 2021 VINTAGE

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In the winter of 2021, drought conditions that had shaped the two previous vintages continued. Low moisture in the soil set up the vines for smaller canopies, clusters, and berries—a formula for natural concentration in the fruit. Throughout the summer, temperatures remained even and cool, allowing sugar levels to rise slowly while acidity remained high and bright. That pinpoint balance held through harvest, resulting in a wine with fully mature tannins, complex flavors, and beautiful intensity.

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Napa Valley's newest AVA, Coombsville is also its southernmost—and coolest—growing region for Cabernet Sauvignon. Nestled into an ancient volcanic caldera, its bowl-shaped depression captures the fog and cooling breezes that funnel off nearby San Pablo Bay, setting up a long, slow growing season with vibrant balance in the wines. Striking volcanic soils add a polished, fine-grained tannin structure and savory minerality. In fully expressing the land in this special corner of Napa Valley, we are able to craft a true modern classic.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

With its vivid blue fruit and vibrant energy, our 2021 Pact might be a Coombsville prototype for years to come. Dark, exotic spice—with star anise in the lead—opens on a complex nose layered with sweet tobacco, savory herb and olive notes, and a lovely vein of graphite minerality under briar-kissed blueberry. The palate is electric, its deceptive power couched in chalky, tight-knit tannins. Black raspberry joins blueberry, with wet slate and soil-driven, iron-rich minerality spilling into a long, perfectly balanced finish, serious and hedonistic at once.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

COMPOSITION: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot AGING: 22 months of French oak, 45% new ALCOHOL: 14.8% COOPERS: Seguin Moreau, Taransaud and François Frères