

TURNBULL

2021

BLACK LABEL
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

"THE HOLISTIC BALANCE THIS WINE POSSESSES AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE MAKES THIS, IN MY OPINION, THE BEST BLACK LABEL IN MY FIFTEEN YEARS AS WINEMAKER AT TURNBULL—WHICH I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY AFTER THE 2017 VINTAGE. A STUNNING REPRESENTATION THAT OVER-DELIVERS ON ITS LEGACY AND FLAGSHIP STATUS AS OUR 'BEST OF THE BEST' BARREL OFFERING."

-PETER HEITZ, WINEMAKER

OUR STORY

Turnbull is rooted in the culture and history of the Napa Valley, making wine of exceptional quality in Oakville since 1979. At the core of our independently owned business is our estate-grown fruit, which we carefully tend to from dirt to bottle. We craft our wines with integrity and without compromise, and our signature is a wine defined by consistency of balance, structure, and depth.

WINEMAKING

It starts with the painstaking process of vinifying lot by lot, tasting and evaluating each for specific attributes and characteristics. Winemaker Peter Heitz weaves together a narrative of place, tasting through and chalking each barrel one by one to determine the final blends. Our wines are aged in 100% French Oak barrels and rest in bottle for extended time so that they may be enjoyed as they were intended: upon release and over the long-term.

This bottling is a signature selection of individual barrels that showcase dark, brooding, hedonistic characteristics, with dusty black fruits and an exotic floral lift. These barrels over-deliver, resulting in a wine of astounding purity and density.

VINEYARDS

Black Label is a story of two alter egos coming together: Leopoldina Vineyard meets Fortuna Vineyard. The core of Black Label comes from our Leopoldina Vineyard, perched high atop the Oakville Bench. This vineyard delivers big, darkly brooding fruit notes and rich, hedonistic tones with well-defined structure and texture. Our Fortuna Vineyard, situated upon the Eastern Oakville alluvial fan, contributes a classic spice-box note, and highlights lift and focus, enhancing length and purity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 marks another near-perfect vintage for Napa Valley. Early bud break led to a calm and steady growing season, which allowed for even ripening and generous hang time on vine. Lower yields due to drought brought about a true "winemaker's vintage," allowing for more time and attention to each lot. The resulting wines are aromatically rich, full bodied, concentrated in flavor, and perfectly age-worthy.

TASTING NOTES

Irresistible ripened plums and opulent dusty blackberries lift the senses, alluring the nose to tertiary notes of delicate florals and intriguing mineral edges. Balance is the defining quality of this wine; even in its youth, 2021 Black Label is resolutely complete from beginning to end. Every element is in place, as dimpled yet silky tannins unfold with grace and finesse, revealing a core of power and depth. Broad strokes of black mulberries, crème de cassis, and juniper accelerate through the mid-palate with captivating width and focus. This thrilling dance culminates in a stunning finish of opulent and elegant dark fruits that persist with each sip, leaving an indelible impression of the near-perfect growing season that shaped the Fortuna Vineyard—full of power and sinue—and Leopoldina Vineyard—full of poise and intention—in the 2021 vintage.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

ALCOHOL

14.8% by volume

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD BREAKDOWN

66% Fortuna Vineyard, Oakville
34% Leopoldina Vineyard, Oakville

