

LAUREL GLEN  
**COUNTERPOINT**  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
2021  
SONOMA MOUNTAIN, CA

In music 'counterpoint' is the relationship between voices that are harmonically interdependent yet independent in rhythm and contour. There is no word that we could find that could better express the harmony in this wine. Following the contours of the distinctive Sonoma Mountain appellation, we were able to bring together fruit from Laurel Glen Vineyard and Pickberry Vineyards to create a wine complex enough to engage, but approachable enough to enjoy without long term cellaring.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was a fantastic growing season, despite drought conditions. Sonoma experienced an unusually dry winter and unusually cool spring. The summer, however, brought beautiful warm weather without any major heat waves. Picking at our mountain vineyard started on September 18th and concluded on October 5th. The drought caused grapes to be smaller and more concentrated than usual, with good sugar accumulation and high natural acidity.

The 2021 vintage represents the 10th anniversary of farming Laurel Glen Vineyard organically. The effect of our organic farming practices were perhaps most noticeable in 2021. Overall yields were down in Sonoma County due to the drought, but not in our vineyard. Instead, we harvested a bumper crop of excellent quality fruit.

#### WINE NOTES

*"On the nose, the wine offers a lush and lively mix of boysenberry, dried raspberry, and roasted coffee bean, mingling with notes of violets and a kiss of pine needles. Flavors of cassis, boysenberry, and anise dominate, while nuances of graphite, dark cocoa nibs, and nutmeg add dimension. The mouthfeel is full-bodied and assertive, with plenty of concentration and structure."* - Randall Watkins, Winemaker

#### RECENT PRESS

*"Quite layered, dark and flavorful, medium-bodied and approachable. Nicely rich in black cherry, black olive, and cocoa aromas, then more dark fruit, dark chocolate and mineral accents on the palate. It's moderately tannic yet still creamy and velvety in texture."* - 92 points, James Suckling

**APPELLATION:** Sonoma Mountain

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 1,133 Cases

**ALCOHOL:** 14.3%

**% NEW OAK:** 30% New Tonnellerie Taransaud, 10% New Radoux Cooperage

**TIME IN OAK:** 20 months

