# **ARCHITECT** Cabernet Sauvignon 2021



Country

United States

Region

Sonoma County

**Appellation** 

Alexander Valley

Varietal Blend

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petite Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot, 3% Malbec

Winemaker

Trevor Sheehan

**Alcohol Content** 

14.5%

**Residual Sugar** 

4 g/L

**Total Acidity** 

6 g/L

**Total Sulphur** 

75 ppm

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3.75

## **HISTORY**

Michael Broadbent trained as an architect before he became a winemaker in England in the 1960s. He knew the importance of structure, balance and beauty well before becoming a Master of Wine. His large legacy of art, whether it be architectural, portraiture, landscapes or technical drawings, gives a clear insight into his attention to detail. This wine is a tribute to the legacy of our favorite Renaissance man - Michael Broadbent, artist, author, musician, auctioneer and architect.

### VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

Sourced from two vineyards in Alexander Valley, with vines between 10-15 years old. Vines are planted in a major mixture of mostly rocky and loam soils. 2021 harvest began in late September, and the vintage brought the 2nd year of drought conditions resulting in low yields, with small but intensely flavored berries.

After picking, the grapes were cold soaked for 4 days followed by a 7-day fermentation with cultured yeasts in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then transferred to 60 gallon oak barrels (75% French Oak and 25% Radoux American Oak) for aging before bottling at the end of November 2022.

#### TASTING NOTES

This medium bodied Cabernet - driven blend has lush dark berry fruits with smooth, beautifully integrated tannins. Heady aromas of black cherry, cassis, ripe plums, with faint notes of vanilla and cocoa are nicely balanced with hints of spice and a long silky finish.