



2021 HILLSIDE SELECT® Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY • STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

Hillside Select is a wine of a place, sourced from carefully selected blocks of our Stags Leap District hillside estate. These grapes are small and deeply colored, with concentrated flavors enhanced by meticulous winemaking and extensive aging in French oak barrels. Hillside Select consistently expresses the voluptuous fruit, rich flavors, and velvety texture that characterize grapes grown in this renown AVA.

Release Date	September 1, 2024
Vineyard Locations	100% hillside vineyards in Stags Leap District including Shafer’s estate vineyard blocks Sunspot, John’s Upper Seven, Hitching Post, and Firebreak
2021 Growing Season	2021 was a Napa Valley classic offering long stretches of warm days and cool nights. By early September the fruit had developed rich color and elegant, pure aromas and flavors.
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Cooperage	28 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier and Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.5%

Winemaker’s Comments

“The 2021 vintage expresses Hillside Select’s singular elegance, vibrancy, and balance. The aromas lift out of the glass, offering blackberry, cedar, black currant, and just-picked cherry with graceful floral and leather tones. The complexity of the vintage is striking, merging dark fruit with red plum, wet stone, lavender, and black tea. The ripe, seamlessly integrated tannins add depth, precision, and serious structure for decades of aging, all culminating in a long, exquisite finish.”

— **Elias Fernandez, Shafer Vineyards Winemaker**

What Others Are Saying

*“... concentrated and impactful, delivering a firm, grainy texture and well-knit freshness ... impressive!” (98 - 100) — Lisa Perrotti-Brown, **The Wine Independent***

“... a behemoth of a wine ... full-bodied, concentrated, yet pure, flawlessly balanced, and has a great finish.” (97 - 99) — Jeb Dunnuck

*“Floral and vibrant, the 2021 sizzles with tension and a level of delineation ... possesses a notable purity of fruit and exceptional balance.” (96 - 99) — Antonio Galloni, **Vinous***

Shafer Vineyards

Shafer Vineyards has crafted wines in Napa Valley’s Stags Leap District for nearly 50 years. The estate encompasses 250 acres of world-class vineyards, sources for Shafer’s wines — Hillside Select, Relentless, One Point Five, TD-9, and Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay.

