



2021 RELENTLESS®

NAPA VALLEY

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from ridgetop vineyards adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

Release Date	September 1, 2024
Vineyard Locations	Ridgetop and foothills sites along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
2021 Growing Season	The long, sunny 2021 summer created a beautiful growing season for our Syrah. The fruit developed deep color and clean, bold, and elegant aromas and flavors.
Varietal Composition	97% Syrah, 3% Petite Sirah
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Cooperage	28 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier & Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.8%

Winemaker's Comments

"This is a stylish Relentless offering vivid, lush aromas and flavors of meatiness over a juicy core of black plum, dark chocolate, white pepper, blackberry, and savory spice. The mouthfeel is full and liquid-velvet with a tension and finesse that is a 2021 hallmark. The finish lingers on and on. This is a terrific candidate for many years in the cellar." — **Elias Fernandez, Shafer Vineyards Winemaker**

What Others Are Saying

"Another gorgeous wine in the lineup is the 2021 Relentless, a Syrah-dominated red delivering awesome red, blue, and black fruits supported by ground pepper, bacon fat, and chocolaty notes. It shows the vintage's purity and has full-bodied richness, ripe tannins, and a great finish.."

(95-97) — Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 Relentless is fabulous. In fact, the 2021 is the most refined edition of Relentless I can remember tasting. Vibrant and delineated, with terrific fruit purity, the 2021 shows impeccable balance. The flavors are still quite primary, but greater complexity will come with time. Impressive."

(94-97) — Antonio Galloni

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.

