

# TOOTH=NAIL

## 2021 Tooth & Nail Cabernet Sauvignon

### Winemaking

2021 was one of the most mild growing seasons to date. Heat spells were non-existent post veraison and other than a small amount of rain in October, we had the ability to harvest our vineyards at our leisure. All grapes were destemmed and fermented in mostly stainless steel with small percentages being fermented in concrete. After seven to ten days of warm extraction, the new wine was pressed off the skins and into stainless steel tanks to finish fermentation, a maneuver designed to maintain a pure tannin profile while avoiding any uptake of phenolic astringency. After fermentation, the individual lots were aged in French oak barrels (25% new oak) for 6-10 months prior to blending and bottling. The resulting wine has the verve, tenacity, and vibrancy we know and love in Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. Overall, the 2021 vintage is a much more lifted, fresh, and vibrant expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Tasting Notes

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is driven with fresh black raspberry, cherry, and some blue fruit with underlying minerality and verve which is one of the hallmarks of the 2021 vintage. The flavor profile is loaded with rich and energetic flavors of creme de cassis, blueberry and raspberry and structured by medium acidity and soft tannin. The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon will offer a great deal of enjoyment out of the gates and will have the ability for long term ageing.

### Tooth & Nail Squad Series

The Squad Series is a line of Tooth & Nail wines made in admiration for those who inspire us most: our loyal followers. Sustainably grown, high in character and digitally alive—taste the future of wine.



**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Harvest Dates:** October 13 – November 1, 2021

**Aging:** 10 months in French oak barrels (25% new)

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**pH:** 3.65

**TA:** 6 g/LI

**Production:** 6,500 cases

