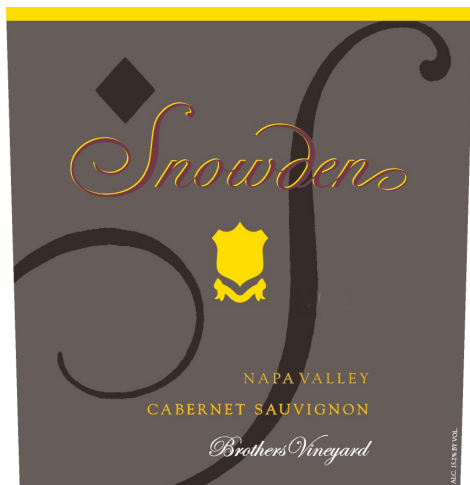


# Snowden

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON BROTHERS VINEYARD - 2021

*Snowden*  
VINEYARDS  
NAPA VALLEY

REGION: CALIFORNIA - NAPA VALLEY



### SNOWDEN

Since 1955, the Snowdens have farmed their vineyard high above the Napa Valley. In addition to the stunning views of St. Helena, Rutherford and the San Francisco Bay, the estate offers four separate sites producing remarkably complex and individualistic wines. Winemaking duties are in the capable hands of Diana Snowden Seysses. The winery produces Bordeaux blends from their estate vineyards and a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc from a small parcel they call the Lost Vineyard.

### THE WINE

#### Vineyard Profile

Cabernet Sauvignon 2 acre Block C from the highest elevation on the Eastern slope at the top of knoll called "Palomino Hill," on Napa Valley Eastern ridge between Rutherford and St. Helena. Petit Verdot block from 0.84 acre immediately adjacent to Brothers Vineyard at 800 feet.

- Altitude: 800 – 850 feet
- Soils: Ryolite (volcanic sands)
- Vines Planted: Cabernet – 2011; Petit Verdot – 1962, 1981, 2009
- CS Clone Selections: 337, 191, 169

#### Harvest Notes

- Growing season began with very little water in soils
- Mild, clear Spring led to good flowering
- Very short shoot growth in late Spring – very little canopy management needed
- No heat spikes or drying offshort winds during the season
- Moderate, even temperatures through early Fall Drought
- Conditions created light clusters and tiny berries – yields 30 – 60% below average
- Cabernet hand harvested September 12, 2021
- Petit Verdot hand harvested September 30, 2021
- Fermented using only indigenous yeasts
- Aged 19 months in French oak barrels, 50% new
- Bottled May 5, 2023

#### Winemaker's Notes

With tiny berries and clusters, the 2021 Brothers is a dense, concentrated expression of this classic, two acre, Cabernet Sauvignon site. The bouquet greets you with brooding aromas of tobacco, violets and dried plums. The wine has energy and cut. Plums, black cherries, blood orange and graphite unfold on the palate and persist in chiselled precision. The structure of the Brothers Vineyard is always organized along a linear track. The 2021 is just so, but made more energetic with a citrus rind top note. If you choose to enjoy the wine immediately, please decant ahead of your meal. If you prefer to cellar your wines, the 2021 Brothers has decades of life ahead of it.

## Technical Information

- 99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot
- Alcohol: 15%
- Grapes organically grown

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## REVIEWS

### Cabernet Sauvignon Brothers Vineyard – 2021

#### 92 Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, December, 2023

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Brothers Vineyard is dark and brooding in feel. Black cherry, plum, new leather, spice and espresso are front and center. Here, the fruit profile leans toward the darker end of the spectrum, and the oak imprint is quite a bit stronger. Rough, angular contours on the finish need time to meld together, but there is good substance throughout. 2025 – 2036

#### 92 Points - Wine Spectator, February, 2024

A fruit-driven, polished style, but without being bombastic, as red currant and black cherry fruit flavors lead off and then meld seamlessly with singed cedar, vanilla and tobacco hints, which gain more prominence through the finish. Should age nicely. Drink now through 2036.

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## GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Napa Valley
Appellation(s)	Napa Valley
Proprietors	Scott and Joann Snowden and Randy and Janet Snowden, managing directors of Snowden Vineyards
Founded	1955
Winemaker	Diana Snowden-Seysses
Annual Production	2,900 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable (including no chemical herbicides used in vineyards)