



# THE SETTING WINES

HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

**2021**

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY**

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**COOPERAGE:** 22months in barrel, 100% new oak, all French  
Taransaud, Seguin Moreau

## **WINEMAKER NOTES:**

I got to know this vineyard while working two harvests at Screaming Eagle. Although most regions had a cooler, steady growing season in 2021, warmer places like Oakville experienced notable heat. While 2021 and 2020 had comparable growing degree days in Oakville, the other sites resembled those in 2018 and 2019. I haven't seen an expression like that before.

## **TASTING NOTES:**

The nose offers detailed aromas of black cherry and blueberry pie, licorice, musk and sandalwood with undertones of lilac, ripe blackberries, black cherries and baking spices. This wine offers rich layers of boysenberry and shaved dark chocolate, bursting with ripe, concentrated fruit, although it doesn't feel overripe or weighty. Its vibrant acidity balances that opulence, and finely grained tannins add a plush feel.

## **VINEYARD:**

This hidden gem of a vineyard is situated in the northernmost portion of the prestigious Oakville appellation, nestled beside neighboring Cabernet Sauvignon vines at Screaming Eagle. Offering the richness of the Oakville valley floor with the structure of hillside fruit, wines produced from Skellenger Vineyard provide a tremendous amount of concentration from tannins, while maintaining balanced richness and approachability.

## **PRESS:**

96 points – Jeb Dunnuck  
96 points – Wine Advocate  
97 points – International Wine Report

