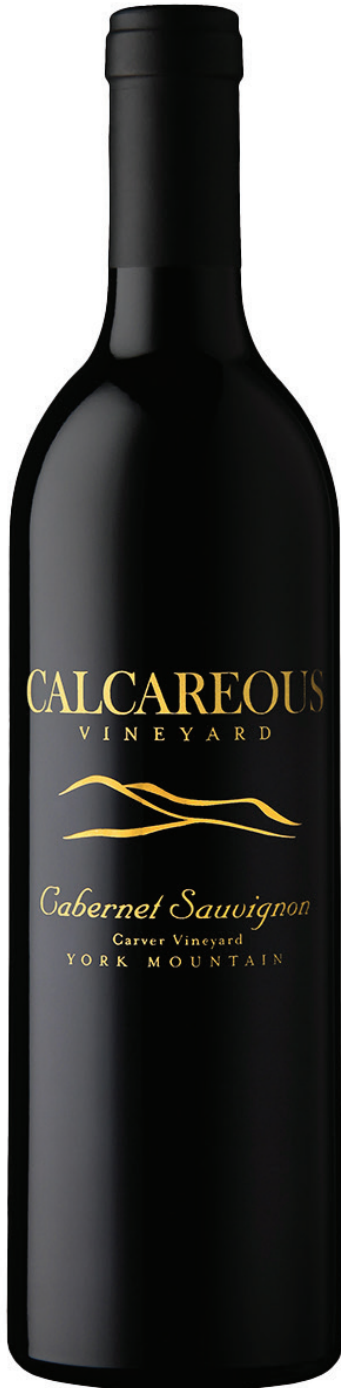




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## 2021 York Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



We have farmed the Carver Vineyard in York Mountain since 1999. The cooler, wetter climate along with heavier clay soils produce uniquely structured version of Cabernet with a distinct deep purple hue and beautiful subtle herbaceous notes that make this wine a favorite of classic Cabernet enthusiasts.

### Tasting Notes

The classic opaque glass-staining deep magenta is an instant indicator of our York Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Blackberry and currants mix with leather and loam on the nose. Muscular black cherry, cassis and cast iron create a formidable palate. Full bodied, yet rounded tannins frame the middle leading to a mix of deeply toasted french oak and lively acidity, creating a surprisingly nimble finish for such an immense wine. A cellar-worthy Cab that should start to peak in 4 years and age a good 20.

### Vineyard & Vintage

The Carver Vineyard was planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and a small section of Cab Franc in the late 1980's. Calcareous took over management of it in 1999 and treat it as part of our Estate. The age and location in York Mountain allow us to dry farm the vineyard. The 2021 vintage was what I call a winemaker's dream vintage. A cooler than typical fall allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and steadily, freeing the pick from any outside pressures besides what is just the best possible time to pick. The cool ripening days also allowed the tannins to hold onto firmness, creating what may be the most age worthy cabernet we have ever produced.

### Winemaking Notes

The fruit was handpicked cluster sorted before destemming and transferred to 4 ton concrete open top fermenters without cracking the skins. Twice daily pump overs and the occasional delestage were used to coax out juice from the berries. After 15 days on skins, the must was gently pressed and all fractions combined for 48 hours of settling. The rough Cabernet was then transferred to 30% new French Oak and 10% New American barrels for aging. After 21 months, the barrels were racked out to form the final wine.

### Aging

21 months in 30% new French oak and 10% new American oak barrels

### Food Pairing

Toasted oak layers on top creating satisfying yet understated finish that needs a prime rib in youth but with age will be perfect with grilled lamb chops with mint.

### Technical Details

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
pH Level: 3.41  
Production: 923 Cases Produced

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