2021 Decennial Reserve
Napa Valley Red Wine

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As a token of our deep appreciation for your passion and patronage, please accept this special magnum to help you celebrate – and raise a toast to great memories and memories to come. This 2021 Decennial magnum is a special blend created to honor your 10 years as a member of our Biale family.

Vintage Notes: The growing season saw rain in January and February then almost no notable precipitation for the rest of the season. This provided an ideal environment for grapes to flower, bloom and set in early spring. Budbreak was early in April followed by flowering and bloom in May. The summer saw early and even ripening with no concerning heat spikes. Everything tended early thanks to the calm spring with veraison appearing in early July. Due in part to the drought, yields were naturally lower, resulting in less dropping of fruit in the vineyards. It was one of the earliest starts to harvest on record. Harvest kicked off with clear skies and almost no weather events to worry winemakers. This allowed the grapes to hang as long as winemakers wanted to achieve optimal ripening and taste.

Harvest Dates: September 1st to October 15th

Winemaking: Our winemaking begins in the vineyard with meticulous attention to detail and close monitoring by Bob Biale and winemaker David Natali. Fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the field, and sorted again at the winery. Destemmed, the grapes are then fermented in open top tanks with punch downs gently carried out two to three times per day. Pressed, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 100% French oak barrels. Aged for a total of 16 months in barrel, 30% of which was new.

Alcohol: 14.8%

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A blend of Petite Sirah, Tempranillo, Alicante, and Syrah, this blend displays beautiful aromas of black cherry, violet, clove, and forest floor. Broad across the palate with notes of blackberry, leather, and cedar on the palate. A long finish grounded by fine grained and well-integrated tannins completes the wine.