

FLINT KNOLL

2021 Noble Right

Napa Valley - Spring Mountain & Oak Knoll | Varietal: Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.8% | **Élevage:** 21 months in 75% New French Oak | **Case Production:** 218
Winemaker: Philippe Melka

VINTAGE

The Reduced winter rains of 2021 brought a second consecutive year of drought that was felt across the valley. Most AVA's received less than 10 inches of rain and experienced lower temperatures than in 2020. These headwinds, coupled with dry, difficult conditions, during bud determination in 2020, resulted in a light vintage for 2021. Earlier ripening sites, on hillsides or with limited soil water, trended even earlier than normal due to the dry conditions and lightened crop load. Those sites with heavier, cooler and clay-laden soils were harvested later in the season and closer to the expected. All told, Flint Knoll's red grape harvest began September 14th and wrapped up on September 25th. Overall grape quality is quite exceptional across the board with great color, balanced tannin structure and ideal chemistry

BACKGROUND

About the brand: Founded in 2016 by Aaron and Meredith Michaelis, Flint Knoll is a boutique luxury Napa Valley wine brand that crafts limited-production, site-specific wines made by world-renowned winemaking team Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky.



TASTING NOTES

Made in a Right Bank Bordeaux-style, Philippe Melka blends together both varietals and vineyards to create a symphonic compilation of aroma and flavor. Our Spring Mountain Merlot gives this wine its rich, powerful flavor while our Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon provides structure and a layered complexity. Our Shiflett Ranch Merlot lends the velvety texture and profound elegance inspired by the wines of Pomerol and Saint-Émilion. This wine is deep purple-hued, with a rich nose of dark blue fruits, black currants, cassis, crushed violets, leafy herbs, and warm baking spice. It is medium to full-bodied, has silky smooth tannins and a stacked, concentrated mid-palate, lush mouthfeel, and a long, beautiful finish.

BARRIQUE

The Flint Knoll aging program is built around the most coveted barrels that are accessible only through personal relationships with top cooperages. Collectively, these barrels provide for seamless oak integration and staggering complexity over a maturation period of 20-24 months. Taransaud, Darnajou, Redmond, Sylvain.