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2021 Vintage Reviewed by Antonio Galloni

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Sleeping Lady Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon: 94

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Sleeping Lady Vineyard has come together nicely with aging. It remains a rather delicate expression of this site. Sweet floral and spice notes lend plenty of aromatic lift. Readers will find a wine built on length and persistence more than size. I would like to see a bit more textural resonance though.

Drinking window: 2025 – 2036

Martinez Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon: 96

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Martinez Vineyard is a classic Pritchard Hill wine. Black cherry, plum, spice, mocha and chocolate are all amplified in this explosive Cabernet Sauvignon. Round, plush contours wrap it all together. There's not much subtlety here, but certainly plenty to enjoy over the near and medium term.

Drinking window: 2025 - 2036

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve: 94

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a blend from Martinez and Sleeping Lady. The Reserve is done in a more vibrant, refreshing style than the vineyard designates, and that makes it an absolute joy to taste today. Floral aromatics and bright acids lend tons of energy. I especially admire the vibrancy here. There are more 'important' wines in this range, but few that provide more sheer pleasure. Drinking window:

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Cabernet Sauvignon Classic: 94

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Classic is a blend from several sites across the valley. Inky dark fruit, gravel, spice, grilled herbs, lavender and licorice are beautifully delineated in a dense yet vibrant Cabernet Sauvignon that seriously over-delivers. Persistent savory inflections build into the layered finish. The aromatics are especially alluring.

Drinking window: 2025 – 2036

Cabernet Sauvignon Crazy 8 Vineyard: 92

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Crazy 8 Vineyard is a dense, bombastic wine. Graphite, inky dark fruit, spice and licorice are pushed forward. There's some burliness to the tannins, but also a good bit of fruit to balance things out. This is not the most refined wine in the range, but it has certainly come together nicely.

Drinking window: 2025 - 2036