

## THE VINEYARDIST

# 2021 LAZY SUSAN RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

The wine is exclusively comprised of fruit from our Lava Cap and Rock Garden vineyard blocks on our volcanic ridge at 800-1000 feet in elevation. These rocky, hillside blocks create a unique expression from the Estate. The 2021 Lazy Susan Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon offers an alluring, rich expression of our terroir. The wine is approachable now with its sweet, silky tannins and long, layered finish, yielding a new elegant wine from The Vineyardist that will age effortlessly for thirty plus years.

95 points – Jeb Dunnuck

#### TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS Dirk Fulton & Becky Kukkola

WINEMAKER Tony Biagi

VARIETAL 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION Napa Valley

PRODUCTION 450 Cases

ABV 14.7%



#### BACKGROUND

Carving vineyards into the volcanic Diamond Mountain terrain has produced fruit that, with vision and expert guidance, results in a remarkable Cabernet Sauvignon that finds its peers among the finest offerings from Napa and Bordeaux.

In 2000, following a decade-long search, husband and wife Dirk Fulton and Becky Kukkola discovered the perfect location on which to establish their new vineyard. With more than 100 acres to serve as the foundation of their efforts, their clear vision has come to life: to create a world-class wine Estate and to serve as stewards of this historic site.

More than a century earlier, pioneer vineyardist Lorenz Petersen cleared the land and planted a vineyard. As he became a skilled farmer and winemaker, Peterson's production brought international wine brokers to Calistoga each spring to buy wine by the cask. In the 1800s, someone who farmed the vineyard, crafted the wine and then marketed it himself and was known as a Vineyardist.

Jim Barbour, one of Napa's leading viticulturists, was hired to redevelop the historic vineyards and plant new blocks on the steep, rocky hillsides. Currently, legendary pioneer of organic and biodynamic farming, Phil Coturri, oversees the sustainable growth of our fruit to fully express the vigor and individuality of our terroir.

Esteemed winemaker Tony Biagi leads the wine program. Building upon a history of success, his expertise has been essential to the creation of a singular wine expressing the power and elegance of the Estate's historic terroir.