

**JEB DUNNUCK**

## 2021 Sullivan Rutherford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon J.O. Sullivan Founder's Reserve

About this wine



**PRODUCER**

Sullivan Rutherford Estate

**LOCATION**

USA, California, North Coast, Napa Valley, Rutherford

**COLOR**

Red

**VINTAGES**

2021, 2020

**PRICE**

\$310

**RATING**

**98+**

**TASTING DATE**

12/26/2023

**MATURITY**

2026 - 2051

**REVIEWED BY**

Jeb Dunnuck

**SOURCE**

Napa Valley's 2021s and 2022s - Part 1

**REVIEW**

Coming from a valley floor site off Highway 29, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon J.O. Sullivan Founder's Reserve is just about pure perfection. Checking in as 89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Petit Verdot that spent 22 months in 80% new French oak, this deep purple-hued beauty boasts a gorgeous perfume of blackcurrants, creme de cassis, spicy wood, chocolate, and hints of tobacco leaf. These all carry to a rich, full-bodied, concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon with the vintage's more inward, structured profile, building yet flawless tannins, and incredible balance between its richness and elegance. It has lots of up-front fruit and texture, but this is a serious wine that deserves at least 4-6 years of bottle age, and I suspect it will have decades of longevity. You can safely put this up with anything in the vintage. For the tech geeks out there, the alcohol is 14.8 and the pH is 3.78.