

Kenefick Ranch Winery, Chris's Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Calistoga, California 2021

My Wines

- **SINGLE TASTING**

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(at Wheeler Farms, St. Helena, California, 19 May 2024)

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2034

The 'Chris's Cuvée' is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, and 6% Cabernet Franc, aged in 70% new French oak. This is one of the most focused wines I have tasted from this estate. Impressive given their location in Calistoga, where it can get very hot, and in a low-yielding, concentrated vintage like 2021, it could lead to potentially overripe fruit. But there is a corridor of wind that funnels through this property at night, and excellent winemaking shows here in fresh aromatics and perfectly ripe fruit on the palate. Ripe cherries and mulberry fruit, along with integrated cedarwood spices, fuel a full-bodied red with ripe tannins and juicy blood orange notes through a lengthy finish.