

The Paoloni Estate

- **Founded:** 1998 by Paolo Paoloni
- **Winemaker:** Paolo Paoloni
- **Winery Location:** Valle de Guadalupe
- **Vineyard details:** Estate vineyard located in Valle de Guadalupe - 1,200 ft (Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Nebbiolo, Brunello, Aglianico, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Nero D'Avola, and Syrah) Soils are a decomposed granite and red clay.
- **Notes:**
 - Paolo lives at his vineyard site where he takes great pride in farming close to the earth, organic is just a starting point.
 - All wines are made from his estate vineyards, which were planted in succession by Paolo Paoloni himself beginning in 1997. His vineyard sites are more sloped and rolling than most, as well as at a higher elevation than the majority of the valley. His higher elevation sites contain more granite in the soil which results in a higher minerality and less of the saline presence that some of the lower elevation vineyard sites in Valle de Guadalupe occasionally contain.
 - Paolo's technique mirrors an Old World Italian approach to wine making, which results in a wine with fresh minerality and wonderfully nuanced floral aromas.

Total production: 9 wines, 10,000 cases



2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot - Paoloni

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:

A medium bodied refreshing red that leads with the quality of its fruit and sees only neutral French oak in its aging process, the 2021 Cab Merlot blend from Paoloni is right on par with previous offerings. The signature Paoloni traits are all here in spades: balance, soft tannins, bright fruit, layered and structured finish. Paolo Paoloni is one of the wineries in Baja that has always been dedicated to using estate grown fruit and never buys or sells anything in any vintage.

2,000 cases made

Drinking window: Upon release - 8 years

Vintage:

2021

Blend:

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

Producer:

Paoloni

Winemaker:

Paolo Paoloni

Vineyards:

Valle de Guadalupe - Estate vineyards located approximately 10 miles from the Pacific on the northwest valley wall at an elevation of 1,200 ft. The vines were planted in 1998 and are direct rooted making them less vigorous and their fruit more concentrated. The soil of this undulating vineyard, which is the highest on the valley's northern wall is made up of decomposed granite (sandy) and red clay.

Winemaking:

Fermented in stainless steel tanks over a period of 3 weeks then racked into 2,500 liter neutral French oak foudres and aged for 18 months.

Sulfites: 35 ppm

Farming:

Sustainable

Alcohol:

13.5%