



2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

The Dry Creek Valley is an undiscovered gem, producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Primarily known for Zinfandel, the valley has almost as much Cabernet Sauvignon planted. Our region's unique *terroir* provides just the right growing conditions. A perfect microclimate, we are blessed with long days of vibrant sunshine and cool foggy evenings allowing for exquisitely ripened Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Bright cherry fruit framed by floral and spice elements create wines that speak to the distinctive soil and growing conditions in our appellation.

GROWING SEASON

Fall and winter rains of the 2020 growing season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped increase total rainfall. We experienced heat waves in mid-August to early September, as well as the Walbridge Fire in August in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September in eastern Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team evaluated grapes prior to harvesting, with detailed analysis of each vineyard block. As a result, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This lush and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon initially displays aromas of black cherry, plum and fig, followed by mocha, violet and black pepper. A first taste of the full-bodied wine reveals flavors of black currant, boysenberry and blueberry. Hints of clove, coriander, bay leaf and green peppercorn bolster its richness, while firm tannins provide structure. The rich palate and well-rounded mouthfeel make this Cabernet approachable in its youth while also perfect for aging.

BLEND

82% Cabernet Sauvignon
14% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc
1% Malbec

FERMENTATION

11-17 days in fermenters at 82-88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

19 months in French oak; 38% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.2%

BRIX | 25.5

PH | 3.74

TA | 6.15 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 13-October 6, 2020

VINE AGE | 14-30 years

SOILS

Benchland, rolling eastern hills,
and western mountain sites

YIELDS

3-4 tons per acre

93
POINTS
WINEENTHUSIAST