



2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON “IRON SLOPES” Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

This high elevation Cabernet Sauvignon was inspired by our decades of working with Bordeaux varietals planted in the different districts and vineyards within Dry Creek Valley. Our family winery has always sought to match the best varietal to the vineyard for impeccably balanced and flavorful grapes. This exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon showcases some of the more extreme growing sites that lie on the western hillsides of Dry Creek Valley. The undulating nature of the terrain provides grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and complex.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Nature dealt some unexpected cards with the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team implemented an intensive plan for evaluating grapes prior to harvesting. After detailed analysis of each block within each vineyard, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Juicy aromas of plum and blueberry come forward initially. Additional airing reveals notes of cedar, cinnamon, thyme and coriander. The palate is bold and luxurious with luscious yet earthy flavors of black cherry, fine leather, mocha and white truffle. The finish lingers with notes of white pepper, caramel and oregano. Chewy tannins frame this full-bodied and rich expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.

BLEND

98% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Malbec

FERMENTATION

12–14 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

20 months in French and Hungarian
oak; 28% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 24.8

PH | 3.68

TA | 6.1 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 30, 2020

VINE AGE | 10–30 years

SOILS

Rocky, iron-rich

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

PREVIOUS VINTAGE

**RED
SWEEPSTAKE
MEDAL**

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WINE COMPETITION