



## 2020 CRU CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ST. HELENA



**Harvest Dates:** September 4–20, 2020

**Barrel Age:** 18 months in 60% new Oak, 100% French Oak

**Cooperage:** Taransaud, Saury, Baron, Ermitage

**Blend:** 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc,  
1% Malbec, 2% Merlot, 1% Petite Verdot

**Bottling Date:** April 20, 2022

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**pH/TA:** 3.79 / 0.57

**Release Date:** Fall 2022

**Cases Produced:** 402

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**THE VINEYARD** Our CRU Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena is primarily sourced from our Railroad Estate Vineyard in St. Helena along with blending components from other St. Helena vineyards as well as a small amount of Malbec from Mt. Veeder, which we layer together for a delicious, well-rounded and beautifully balanced wine that expresses the nuance and character of their respective sites. All the vineyards play a role in this uniquely focused CRU bottling, contributing to the juicy approachability and great structure that our CRU Cabernet Sauvignons are known for.

**THE VINTAGE** As a result of the dry and temperate winter, the 2020 bud-break began a few weeks earlier than average. Spring did not bring much relief for growers in terms of water supply and irrigations were started early and continued frequently throughout the growing season. The vintage will forever be remembered by the August 14th extreme heat wave followed by an unprecedented round of over 11,000 lightning strikes across Northern California over a 36 hour period. The rest of the growing season and resulting harvest was more like an action packed movie than grape growing or winemaking. We came together as a team, however, and worked extremely hard, at times in dangerous circumstances, to produce a portfolio of beautiful, well-balanced, meticulously-crafted 2020 Vineyard 29 wines.

**THE WINE** Big, bold and beautiful are a few words that best describe the 2020 CRU St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon. Chocolate covered espresso bean, wet tobacco leaf, dried lavender and hints of roasted meat lead way to a massive entry, concentrated mid-palate, richness and power throughout and a firm tannin profile. The 2020 has the intensity of our estate Cabernets due to the low yielding crop, tiny berries and thick skins. Extracted and full-bodied, this St. Helena Cabernet is crafted to be enjoyed upon release but it will also lay down and drinks more expensive than its \$95 price point.