



2020 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates: September 15 – September 23, 2020

Barrel Age: 20 months, 80% new, 100% French oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Ermitage, Baron, Cadus, Saury

Bottling Date: June 6, 2022

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH/TA: 3.78 / 0.57

Release Date: October 1, 2023

Cases Produced: 218

THE VINEYARD Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines, yielding powerfully concentrated cabernet sauvignon tempered by markedly floral, velvet elegance and explosive aromatic.

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 True to its site, the 2020 '29 Estate' Cabernet Sauvignon opens with signature violets, lilacs and black currants. Full and dense upon entry and through the mid-palate, this wine presents layers upon layers of fresh blueberries, black cassis and dark chocolate covered cherries. Deeply concentrated with long, drawn out fine-grained tannins that provide weight and structure. A viscous, velvety texture is delicately balanced by bright acidity that brings verve to a long, tenacious finish. Extremely limited production due to miniscule yields, this wine will lay down and age beautifully over the next couple of decades.