



CINNABAR
WINERY

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Santa Cruz Mountains

Vineyards

NR Vineyard, Saratoga, CA

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.74

Acidity: 0.58g/100ml

Production: 67 cases Release

Date: Aug 10, 2023

Tasting Notes

Aromas of violet, black cherry, coconut, and baking spices. Pairs well with lamb skewers, steak and french fries.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into French Oak barrels for maturation. 28 months French Oak barrels, 40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% neutral.

The Grape

Cabernet Sauvignon is a natural cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc that occurred in Southern France in the 1800s. It also is a major variety used in red Bordeaux wines. In California, Cabernet Sauvignon is the most widely planted red wine grape. A long-season variety, Cabernet requires ample time to fully ripen, resulting in rich, age-worthy wines.

The Land

This two acre Cabernet Vineyard is located in the Santa Cruz Mountain appellation, in the hills above Saratoga. It has a perfect western sloped face exposure to capture the warm afternoon sun. Most of the vineyard is dry farmed, which further concentrates the fruit. The vineyard is very close to the original Paul Masson vineyard plantings of 100 years ago. And wine writer James Laube, from the wine spectator, has wondered if this area has some of the greatest Cabernet Vineyards in California. Growing grapes here for over 35 years - there is no question that it does!

The Season

The conditions were ideal at the start of 2020, with mild temperatures that resulted in evenly developed clusters. Low winter rainfall resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. The warm summer allowed the grapes to become fully mature, with harvest beginning in late August. We were very, very fortunate to harvest all of our grapes with no smoke related issues. The smoke from the fires along with Covid, made the 2020 season, for all of us in this industry, demanding and one that will never be forgotten.

