



CINNABAR
WINERY

2020 PRIMITIVO

Santa Clara Valley

Vineyards

Caudill Vineyard, Morgan Hill

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Primitivo
Alcohol: 15.9% pH: 3.62
Acidity: 0.66g/100ml
Production: 93 cases
Release Date: Aug 10, 2023

Tasting Notes Aromas of fig, blueberry, and notes of sage. Pairs well with margarita pizza or pasta with bolognese sauce.

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 American Oak barrels, 30% new, 50% 1 year old, 20% neutral.

The Grape Primitivo is a dark-skinned grape known for producing spicy wines with jammy blackberry flavors. It has chewy tannins and a sweet finish. Primitivo has been determined to be genetically equivalent to Zinfandel, with its origins in Croatia. Although Primitivo selections were generally superior to those of Zinfandel. Primitivo is earlier ripening and has less disease susceptibility. The wines can also be high in alcohol, rustic and earthy. A hearty wine grape that was brought over from the 'Boot' of Italy in the 19th century, and widely planted throughout California.

The Land The Santa Clara Valley had more vineyard acres than any other county in the mid to late 1800's. A fertile valley, with days filled with warm sunshine, and cool evenings, influenced by the ebb and flow of the cool air off the waters of the bay. The south end of the valley, where the winery is located in Gilroy, also receives cool evening breezes from the Salinas Valley. Overall, an excellent area to grow fine wine grapes that rival Napa Valley.

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.

