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NAPA VALLEY

2019

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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TENMA VINEYARD, on an alluvial fan in Jericho Canyon in northeastern Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. The rocky terrain here is well-drained with a very sparse topsoil, which is a perfect combination for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon when combined with the climate of Napa Valley.

VINTAGE NOTES

A wet start to the year helped recharge the soil moisture profiles in all our vineyards, delivering much needed relief to all regions. Cool conditions persisted throughout spring, with overcast weather during flowering, that resulted in lowering yields. This was followed by cool temperatures leading into early summer, which further delayed fruit development. Conditions gradually improved as we entered summer, with warmer temperatures encouraging the vineyards to “catch up” from the sluggish start. Warm and dry weather throughout harvest meant the grapes could be given sufficient time to stay on the vine and develop the intense flavors we look for during maturity. The long Indian summer meant we had a relatively late harvest, with this Cabernet being picked the end of September through October 10th.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Each block was hand harvested individually and brought to the winery where the clusters were sorted again before being destemmed. Fifty percent of the grape clusters were crushed and fifty percent were left as whole berries during fermentation. The must was then allowed 2-4 days to cold soak, followed by a warm fermentation using a variety of different yeast strains. With two pump overs a day, the wine was pressed off the skins once it was dry. Wine was then sent to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation. After fermentation was complete, wine was racked one more time and then allowed to rest in barrel for an additional 15 months in our caves. When the wine was ready, we gently filtered and bottled in late March 2021.

TASTING NOTES

In the glass the wine pours dark purple and opaque. On the nose, rich aromas of toasted coffee beans, a touch of ripe plum and a slight cedar note bring complexity and depth. As the wine opens up in the glass, the aromas become more generous, on the palate bold tannins come along with a rich, deep dark fruit profile; there are festive spice notes and espresso bean flavors coming through. The acidity is soft, complimenting the bold palate weight of this wine.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION *100% Cabernet Sauvignon* | APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

AGING *15 months in French oak, 30% new* | FERMENTATION *100% barrel fermented*

ALCOHOL *15.5%* | TA *5.7 g/100ml* | PH *3.86* | PRODUCTION *2,500 cases*

AGING POTENTIAL *Improves in the cellar over the next 10–15 years*