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Single Vineyard Wines

2020 KENEFICK RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Planted on well-drained, alluvial soils at the base of Calistoga's eastern hills, Kenefick Ranch produces vines of moderate vigor that yield loose clusters with small, concentrated berries. The loamy soil, western exposure and warmer upper valley climate of this westward-facing vineyard help us achieve optimal phenolic ripeness. The resulting wines consistently offer a mouthwatering combination of boysenberry and black cherry aromas with fresh fruit flavors that expand and coat the palate, along with density, layers of texture and a juicy finish.

HARVEST NOTES

The growing season started with light winter rains, just as our vines were waking up. The remaining winter and early spring months were dry, with mild temperatures and even flowering and cluster development. Summer remained moderate through August. Combined with the lack of moisture in the soil, we had a low count of clusters per vine, which gave us small berries with high concentration, structure and flavor. August saw a few small heat spikes, along with the start of the Lightning Complex wildfires. We monitored our blocks for smoke taint and harvested fruit from this eastern Calistoga vineyard September 10 through 17, before the Glass Fire broke out in late September. Cabernet was fermented in small lots, which allowed us to test small batches and ensure only our finest Cabernet went into the final blend.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Powerful yet polished, this Calistoga Cabernet captivates the nose with its perfume of dark black cherries, violets and spice. The entry is voluptuous, the tannins are broad and coating, and full black fruit flavors fill the palate. Natural acidity brings a wonderful juiciness and freshness to the wine and supports the notes of tobacco, plum and spice that unfold on the finish.

APPELLATION

Calistoga, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

18 months in French Oak, 50%
new

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2022

HARVEST DATE

September 10-17, 2020

SKIN CONTACT

18 days

ALCOHOL

14.5%

FIRST VINTAGE

2019