



AVIARY
VINEYARDS

2020 CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

OUR STORY

Founded in 2010, Aviary Vineyards launched with the 2009 vintage of our Napa Valley Red Blend. That first vintage took advantage of small lots from 13 different vineyards throughout the Napa Valley. Much like an aviary, the blend of different grapes created something more special than each component on its own. We strive to craft wines that are captivating and enjoyable. We want to express the big, bold flavors that are uniquely California, but presented in a balanced and elegant style with a smooth finish.

We are a team, a family, a community, and like an aviary, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2020 vintage in California was giant pain in the...fires, smoke, COVID, and a hot August forced an early harvest that ended up lighter than average. This all resulted in a pretty rough harvest season. It's unfortunate that we lost fruit in an already lighter harvest, as the quality of the vintage was very good. The challenges of 2020 came back to haunt us in the form of skyrocketing costs in labels, glass, and freight by the time we were ready to bottle in 2022, but what we ended up with was a stellar bottle of wine.

For 2020, you will notice an increase in complexity as we increased the percentage of Merlot and added Cabernet Franc to the blend. With some losses of Cabernet Sauvignon, this was necessary to meet our production needs. This also introduced the addition of 20% American Oak to the blend, which gave us more notes of vanilla, coffee and coconut husk. The Cabernet Franc adds spice and red fruit flavors like raspberry and strawberry. In the end, the foundation remains - dark berry flavors of blackberry and blueberry, medium dark chocolate, black tea leaves, and cedar wood. We avoid green flavors and astringency to highlight the delicious balance of this elegantly smooth Cabernet Sauvignon.

COMPOSITION

83% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc
AVAs: Napa County, Sonoma County, Lodi County

TECHNICAL NOTES

pH: 4.01
TA: 0.55g/100mL
Alcohol: 13.43%
Barrel Aging: 30% New French for 6 months + 20% 1 yr American for 9 months

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