

WAPPO HILL

—|| PINNACLE OF NAPA VALLEY ||—

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

2020 VINTAGE



Wappo Hill is the spiritual center of Napa Valley; the highest point on the valley floor and the pinnacle of 4,000 years of civilization. Its mystical location was the apex of the Wappo land. The Wappo name honors the bravery, strength and wisdom of the founding people of Napa. The hill rises 666 feet, providing the Wappo a strategic perspective onto their cherished valley, with views from the San Pablo Bay to Mt. St. Helena. It was there they surveyed the map of Napa Valley that bore the Wappo name.

We created a Cabernet Sauvignon that honors the Wappo tradition, that encapsulates the mystical power of the place and the spiritual energy of their ancestral land. Wisdom and elegance united in strength... This is Wappo Hill Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

THE VINTAGE:

2020 was a challenging growing season that provided factors beyond the normal parameters. Temperatures started off with a mild Spring giving us a great early start, but after the cool summer mornings and warmer than average days. Despite the difficult circumstances, the outcome is that of triumph and finesse.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER:

The grapes are from two vineyards, the first located along some of the gentle slopes on the western side of Yountville and the other from a vineyard in Stag's Leap. The cooler climate of Yountville, which experiences fog from the San Pablo bay, brings out the textural component of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape along with bright fruit flavors. The result is a Cabernet Sauvignon of great distinction and sophistication. The grapes went through extended maceration, with skin contact for an average of 42 days, then were aged for 19 months in small French oak barrels, 24% new before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on July 19, 2022.

TASTING NOTE:

With a glistening jewel tone in the glass, the deep violet hue of this Cabernet Sauvignon demonstrates balanced acidity with aromas of dark fruits, crème de cassis and a slight herbal note. The detection of exotic spices is complemented with bursts of bold cherries that greet the nose. Its lingering finish delivers a layered experience of fine-grained tannins and expressive earthiness.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.68

TA: 6.2

AGING:
19 months in 24% new French oak

PRODUCTION:
175 cases bottled unfiltered and unfiltered