

ELEGANT & EXPRESSIVE

2020 CANNONBALL CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Origin: Our plush yet structured Cabernet Sauvignon draws on fruit sources from the best regions of coastal California. The foundation of the blend hails from Mendocino County where rich red volcanic soils and temperature fluctuations produce fruit with great depth of color, elegant structural tannin, and luscious red berry flavors. Rounding out the style are components from our grower partners further afield: Monterey where ancient seabed soils, maritime fog, and steady wind create a longer, growing season and contribute distinctive plum flavor and fine tannins, Paso Robles with its rolling hills and both bedrock and calcareous shale soils, warm temperatures and long growing season provides intense color, soft juicy fruit and cracked pepper spice, and the Santa Clara Valley with rocky alluvial and sandstone soils and a classic Mediterranean climate that brings softer tannins and black cherry fruit to the blend.

Winemaking: Each parcel is handled differently depending upon its origin and potential. Cold soaks are employed on some lots while extended macerations are selected for others. Early pumpovers and working of the cap to extract the luscious fruit character early in the fermentation process are our preference with reduced manipulation as the alcohol content increases, thus limiting the extraction of aggressive phenolic compounds. Individual components are aged separately in a variety of French oak profiles and toasts and blending begins in the spring, continuing for a year and a half until a few months before bottling when the final blend is assembled and cellared as an ensemble to integrate and marry.

Aromas: The nose opens with dark berry fruits and a hint of dried herb.

Taste and Flavors: On the palate pomegranate, blackberry and stone fruit take the lead. French oak provides a soft framework and flavors of roasted nuts and sweet mocha. Firm and focused tannins contribute notes of warm spice and black pepper. A lingering finish of juicy berry and currant flavors.

Technically: AVA: California • Alc: 13.5% • TA:6.2 g/l • pH: 3.7 • RS:.13%

