



## 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - CZAPLESKI RANCH VINEYARD



### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 337

### VINES

Rootstock 110R, 29 yrs old

### AGING

19 months in 100% French Oak –  
90% new

### COOPERAGES

Taransaud, Vicard, Sylvain, Fouquet

### CASES PRODUCED

167

### APPELLATION

Calistoga, Napa Valley

### CHEMISTRY

PH: 3.76 TA: 5.6 g/l

### RESIDUAL SUGAR / SUGAR

Glu/Fru: <0.1 g/l

### ALCOHOL

15.0%

### PRICE

\$165

### VINEYARD

Nestled in the heart of Calistoga, the Czapleski Ranch Vineyard is a cherished 25-acre family-owned haven with a rich history dating back 135 years to its first plantings. The vineyard's volcanic alluvial soil unfolds in a mosaic of multiple strata, weaving intricate and diverse flavor profiles within each block. Distinguished by its steadfast commitment to dry farming, this vineyard thrives in an environment marked by dramatic diurnal temperature shifts. These climatic dynamics usher the grapes through a remarkable journey towards ideal phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity, forging the foundation for an exceptional wine.

### HARVEST & WINEMAKING

On September 16, 2020. The grapes were handpicked at night during cool temperatures. The clusters were destemmed, optically sorted, and transferred into a stainless-steel tank. Here, they completed a six-day cold soak guided by native yeasts which initiated a gentle and deliberate fermentation. Temperatures were raised for 13 days to facilitate and complete fermentation. An additional six days of skin maceration enriched the wine with advanced flavor characteristics and color prior to the pressing stage. In total, the wine spent a generous 25 days on the skins before being transferred into French Oak barrels, a selection that featured 90% new barrels, to begin a 19-month aging journey resulting in exquisite flavor development and enhanced smoothness of the wine prior to bottling. Finally, the wine was patiently bottle aged for 15 months prior to its release.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

As the wine gracefully fills your glass, a captivating deep, rich crimson hue captures the senses. Its bouquet is an irresistible dance of violets and cherry cola, with subtle notes of clove, fresh vanilla bean, and a delicate pie crust embrace. Upon the first sip, the palate is enveloped in a velvety symphony of flavors – the silkiness of red raspberries, the allure of red currant, the depth of black cherry, and a harmonious blend of five spice. A faint echo of cedar and the sweetness of tobacco leaf add a tantalizing dimension to this exquisite creation. The impressionable finish is long and lingering, where smoothness and fine texture converge with remarkable complexity. This wine is not just a delight in the present moment; it is also endowed with the structural integrity to age gracefully in the cellar for well over 15 years.