

2020 PASSING BY

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, 2% Petite Sirah, 1% Syrah

THE VINTAGE

The vintage began with the coolest March to May period seen in the previous 5 years, however temperatures increased quickly by early July. Though the quantity of days over 95F were similar to that of the 2018 vintage, 2020 saw 7.75% more GDD (Growing Degree Days). The higher GDD in 2020 was due in part to higher average nighttime temperatures, resulting in lower, yet well-balanced acidities in most varieties.

THE VINIFICATION

Despite the higher than preferred temperatures throughout the growing season and significantly reduced yield, Cabernet Sauvignon pulled through with plenty of acidity, bright, fresh fruit and complex earth and herbal notes. This vintage also marks the first use of a new block of Clone 47 Cabernet Sauvignon. As a young block, this grape contributed dark color and juicy fruit attributes, with the older blocks adding depth of flavor, aromatics and refined tannin. Petite Sirah and Merlot were included to fill out the mid-palate and add complexity.

- Blend of three Cabernet Sauvignon fermentations, one Petite Sirah fermentation and a co-fermentation of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petite Sirah.
- 100% 225L
- Cooperages: Darnajou, Sylvain



TECHNICAL DETAILS

VARIETIES

Cabernet Sauvignon: 337/5C, 47.1/3309C, 04/5BB Merlot:181/SO4

Petite Sirah: Durif 02/ 1103P Syrah: 174/420A, 383/420A,

Estrella/5C

VINEYARD

Jada Vineyard

APPELLATION

Willow Creek District, Paso Robles

BARREL AGING

18 Months, 6 Days in 74% new French oak, 26% neutral French oak.

PRODUCTION

448 cases

ALC %

15.1 TA 7.0 g/L ph 3.56

