



## 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - BULLDOG VINEYARD



### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 337

### VINES

Rootstock 3309, 22 yrs old

### AGING

19 months in 100% French Oak –  
95% new

### COOPERAGES

Taransaud, Vicard, Francois Freres,  
Sylvain

### CASES PRODUCED

204

### APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

### CHEMISTRY

PH: 3.85 TA: 5.68 g/l

### RESIDUAL SUGAR / SUGAR

Glu/Fru: <0.1 g/l

### ALCOHOL

14.6%

### PRICE

\$175

### VINEYARD

Bulldog Vineyard is a quaint 2.5-acre family-owned gem nestled in the heart of Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District. The vineyard's soil is a rich tapestry of deep loam, generously infused with decomposed granite and scattered alluvial fans of crushed stone that weave through the blocks. The marine layer's morning fog is a near-daily visitor, while the afternoon brings refreshing breezes that soothe the midday heat creating an oasis of coolness in comparison to many other Napa Valley locales. This gentle climate fosters the perfect conditions for the gradual and harmonious ripening of grapes, resulting in an array of vibrant aromatics and an intricate tapestry of flavors that define the wines born from this exceptional terroir.

### HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Just after midnight on September 24, 2020, the grapes were picked under the night sky. The clusters were destemmed and optically sorted before being transferred to a stainless-steel tank. Here, they embarked on a six-day cold soak, where native yeasts initiated the fermentation process. Over the next 13 days, temperatures were increased to complete fermentation. A further six days of skin maceration imparted additional depth and character. The wine embraced the skins for a total of 25 days before being transferred to 100% French Oak barrels, 95% new. Here, 19-months of barrel aging coaxed its exquisite nature. Afterward, the wine rested within the bottle for 15 months prior to release to integrate the multidimensional attributes of the wine.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep, entrancing hues of crimson and dark blue-purple serve as a harbinger of the sensory experience to come. Approaching the glass, the bouquet unfurls like a symphony with notes of delicate rose petals, luscious blackberry, tantalizing black cherry cola, intertwined with the nuances of anise, clove, and the warmth of nutmeg all delicately underpinned by the slight nuance of pencil shavings. On the palate, a rich and commanding narrative takes center stage – the bold presence of blackberry, the seductive allure of vanilla brûlée, the velvety embrace of black cherry, and the depth of plum, complemented by subtle hints of blueberry, the indulgence of chocolate, the freshness of bay leaf, and the sophistication of toasted almonds. This is a wine of resolute power, harmoniously entwined with impeccable structure, balance, and an intricate tapestry of complexity. Its enduring finish stretches into eternity, a testament to its extraordinary character. While it offers immediate enjoyment upon release, a suggested one-hour decant enhances the experience, and it is undoubtedly designed for the cellar, with aging potential of well over 15 years.