

ESTATE

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - CABERNET FRANC

LIVERMORE VALLEY

ALC. 13.8% | TA 7.2 | PH 3.53 | CASES 74

TASTING NOTE

This blend is gifted with the lively acidity of Cabernet Franc, and its structure and mouthfeel from the Cabernet Sauvignon. Sensational notes of strawberry jam, black cherry, and cinnamon meet the senses, immediately followed by baking spice flavors of white pepper and nutmeg. This well-structured wine boasts a broad palate, smooth tannins, and a lingering finish.

VINEYARD

The Cabernet fruit came from our Estate Block 7 vineyard. The deep, gravelly soils in this vineyard promote low to moderate vigor, encouraging the vines to produce rich, concentrated fruit. Water drains quickly in this soil which compels deep root growth for accessing water and nutrients found in the rich subsoils below. The Cabernet Franc is from Block 15.

VINTAGE

After a dry winter, the 2020 growing season began with typical temperatures and normal timing for bud break and flowering. As summer progressed, there were a couple heat waves and experienced poor air quality from the Complex Fires during the fall months. Fortunately, the smoke wasn't heavy enough in Livermore Valley to impact our grapes. The quality fruit produced balanced wines with great acidity, although the yields were slightly below average.

