



2020 RED WINE



THE STORY

The LVE Collection by John Legend is the perfect harmony of passion, eloquence and Napa Valley tradition, LVE wines are a unique series of rich, soulful and complex notes inspired by true love, produced in collaboration with Napa Valley's renowned Raymond Vineyards.

Legend Vineyard Exclusive was a dream long in the making. As with his music, John searched for the right collaborator, a vineyard whose pursuit of the perfect blend and standards of excellence equaled his own. With roots deep in the Napa Valley and award-winning wines known for beautiful balance, finesse and power, Raymond Vineyards was the perfect match.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this Red Wine are from a blend of two vineyard sources. Most of the grapes are from Rutherford where the cooler, clay-based soils allow for slow, even ripening throughout the entire summer.

The Merlot and Cabernet Franc went through extended maceration with the wines being on skins for an average of 40 days and 39 days respectively. The Petite Sirah was pressed off at dryness so as not to over extract the tannins. The wine was then aged for 19 months in French oak barrels (Demptos, Saury, Leroi) – 24% new – before being bottled.

WINE PROFILE

The 2020 LVE Napa Valley Red opens with rich aromas of black cherry, and violets, with a hint black pepper. The harmonious blend of structured tannins from the Petite Sirah with the suppleness of Merlot creates a complex wine with length and persistence on the palate, accompanied by notes of earth and mocha.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 63% Merlot, 37% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.62

TA: 6.4 g/L

Aged 19 months in French oak barrels, 24% new oak

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