



WINE:  
2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PRODUCTION:  
2,418 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:  
82% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
17% MERLOT  
1% CABERNET FRANC

SOIL PROFILES:  
CORTINA (GRAVEL)  
BALE LOAM (SAND)  
PLEASANTON LOAM (CLAY)

ALCOHOL:  
14.5%

FRENCH OAK AGING:  
16 MONTHS, 66% NEW

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage was one of the hottest growing years on record for Napa Valley, with over 80 days hitting 95°F or higher. After weathering consecutive growing seasons punctuated by record-breaking drought, a global pandemic and wildfires, we have grown more appreciative of our historic estate and its distinct location in the Napa Valley. Larkmead has been conditioning for the outlier vintages like 2020 for decades. When Mother Nature gifts us with exceptional growing conditions, our vineyard truly excels. And, when Mother Nature challenges us with extreme weather events, we adapt and emerge stronger.

It is years like 2020 that fortify our commitment as stewards of our estate, reminding us that we must not waver when adopting climate change initiatives and sustainable practices. The power and determination of our vineyard is evident in all our wines, but most evidently, in the 2020 vintage.

## REVIEWS & SCORES

*“Aromas of hot stone, leather, sliced plums and dried herbs. Full-bodied with silky tannins. Bright acidity helps to bring definition to the well-ripened red and black fruit. Steady, lingering finish. Savory, but remains fresh. 93 POINTS”*  
*James Suckling, September 2022*

## TASTING NOTES

In the glass, the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of perfumed violets, candied cherries, and warm vanilla spice. Red plums and figs fill the bouquet that accompany warmer notes of cocoa, tobacco, and crushed fresh mint. The structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon brings great density and tension to the center of the wine, with the site’s natural vibrant acidity balanced by the smooth and plush roundness of Merlot. Sourced from several of our oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard blocks, this wine’s brooding fruitfulness is offset by the bright mineral and delicate floral notes that are a signature of our vineyard each vintage. Through all the challenges we faced in 2020, this Cabernet Sauvignon perfectly captures the beauty and resilience of our historic estate.

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NEXT 8-10 YEARS