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2020 TEMPRANILLO

UPPER RIDGE VINEYARD - PINE MOUNTAIN - CLOVERDALE PEAK

ALC. 14.0% | TA 6.5 | PH 3.73 | CASES 796

TASTING NOTE

Our Upper Ridge Vineyard on Pine Mountain boasts some of the highest elevation vineyards in Northern California, producing a one-of-a-kind site to nurture our fruit. Our 2020 Tempranillo is rich and expressive. Perfumed aromas of plum preserves and dried fig warm the nose before sweet notes of baked cherry and tobacco spice dance across the palate. Balanced acidity and soft tannins round out the finish in this age-worthy style.

VINTAGE

The year started warmer and drier than usual. Spring and early summer brought mild weather conditions allowing our vineyards to flourish with a perfect set. However, Mother Nature had other plans when it came to late Summer, with two fire events plus a spell of 100+ degree days from August through September. The heatwave kick-started ripening sooner than anticipated on Chardonnay and some red varieties. Through all the challenges our team persevered, and we are proud of the superb, yet limited, 2020 vintage.

WINEMAKING

Our grapes are hand harvested in the early morning hours to retain acidity and freshness in the fruit. After destemming and optical sorting which allows for only the best berries to make it to the tank. Pumpovers take place 1-3 times daily until fermentation is complete. This wine is then aged in French, Hungarian, and American Oak barrels for 17 months.

WINEMAKER

Jamie Benziger

CELLARING

Drink now or cellar up to 6 years

LABEL ARTIST

Sarah J Schwartz - Los Angeles, CA



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2020
PETIT VERDOT
ESTATE GROWN - SONOMA VALLEY

ALC. 14.2% | TA 6.2 | PH 3.7 | CASES 117

TASTING NOTE

Well known as a blending grape, our Petit Verdot allows this Bordeaux varietal to shine. The 2020 vintage is elegant and beautifully colored. Lush, dark tones of plum and black cherry are met by well-structured tannins and perfectly balanced acidity.

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WINEMAKING

Our grapes are hand harvested in the early morning hours to retain acidity and freshness in the fruit. After destemming and optical sorting which allows for only the best berries to make it to the tank, the fruit is cold soaked for 3-4 days to extract color and flavors. Native yeast begins fermentation and gentle pump overs take place 1-3 times daily until fermentation is complete. This wine is then aged in French barrels for 16 months.



WINEMAKER

Jamie Benziger

CELLARING

Drink now or up to 8 years

LABEL ARTIST

Ron Moultrie Saunders, Jr.
San Francisco, CA

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2020
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ESTATE GROWN - SONOMA VALLEY
ALC. 15.0% | TA 6.3 | PH 3.69 | CASES 166

TASTING NOTE

Boldly concentrated and richly focused, our Estate Cabernet opens with revealing aromatics of sweet leather and boysenberry preserves. The lush core carries through a richly layered palate, joined by blackberry, mocha, mulled spice, and supple tannins before dissolving into a smooth finish.

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WINEMAKER

Jamie Benziger

CELLARING

Drink now or cellar up to 10 years

LABEL ARTIST

Vanessa Marsh | Oakland, CA



ACCOLADES

Gold Medal | 93 Points
Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

Gold Medal | 94 Points
Sunset International Wine Competition

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2019
LAGREIN
PASO ROBLES

ALC. 14.3% | TA 3.3 | PH 3.64 | CASES 277

TASTING NOTE

Sourced from Paso Robles, the 2019 Lagrein presents hallmark flavors of Bing cherry and raspberry mingled with cedar and a hint of cocoa. A spry acidity is supported by firm tannins and smooth finish.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started with above average rainfall at all the vineyard properties, causing slow budbreak and vigorous canopies. More passes were necessary in the vineyards to keep ahead of the high mildew pressure, and we made it through with flying colors. Flowering took longer than normal resulting in a light Pinot crop. Luckily, this was exclusive to Pinot, and other varietals sized up well! Weather was a bit inconsistent throughout the season leading to longer hang times. Overall, the result was juicy and concentrated fruit creating wines with ripe aromas and flavors.

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WINEMAKER

Jamie Benziger

CELLARING

Drink now or cellar up to 10 years

LABEL ARTIST

Bob Nugent | Healdsburg, CA



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2020 GRENACHE SONOMA COUNTY

ALC. 14.0% | TA 6.0 | PH 3.58 | CASES 117

TASTING NOTE

Perfumed strawberry tart and herb aromas are followed by lushly textured flavors of freshly ripened berries. The candied fruit tones blend flawlessly with blood orange rind before giving way to the silky and refined finish.

VINEYARD

The very high elevation of the mountain affects fog cover, hours of daylight, daytime and nighttime temperatures, rainfall, and wind — virtually every climatic element influencing wine grape production. The vineyard's Northeast to Southwest orientation, bright sunlight, crisp clean air and abundant water create a uniquely beautiful terroir.

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WINEMAKER

Jamie Benziger

CELLARING

Drink now or cellar 4 years

LABEL ARTIST

Lisa Corinne Davis - Brooklyn, NY



ACCOLADES

Best of Class | Double Gold Medal | 95 Points
International Women's Wine Competition

Gold Medal | 93 Points
Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

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2020
ZINFANDEL
MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT - SONOMA VALLEY

ALC. 15.1% | TA 6.1 | PH 3.86 | CASES 236

TASTING NOTE

Our 2020 Zinfandel is bold and balanced. Jammy mixed berry aromas are followed by notes of black cherry, currants, wild blueberry, and rich cocoa. The bold midpalate is met by firm tannins and flawless structure, as the dark fruit tones cascade into subtle baking spice.

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WINEMAKER

Jamie Benziger

CELLARING

Drink now or cellar up to 6 years

LABEL ARTIST

Barry Masteller | Albuquerque, NM

