



2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Just over twenty years ago, Betsy and Steve Moulds planted 11 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon on the gently sloping hillsides at the foot of Mt. Veeder. Accolades quickly followed, culminating with their receiving the Napa Valley Grape Growers of the Year award in 2018. Precision viticulture and sustainable farming in Moulds Family Vineyard guide its meticulous management by Roberto Juarez. Each cane on every vine will have a specific number of leaves to maximize airflow and photosynthesis. No surprise, wines from the Moulds' property display a gorgeous nose and palate comprised of complex floral and berry notes and driven by a combination of fresh violets, expressive blackberry, and graphite.

The family's commitment to quality extends beyond the vineyard: They lead a number of philanthropic and education efforts, including the Napa Valley's Growers and Farmworker Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars in support of professional development opportunities for 21,000 vineyard workers.

GROWING SEASON

Despite its challenges, the 2020 vintage will not be left out of the history books, though it will be remembered for factors beyond any normal expectations. In Patrick's estimation, the 2020 growing season was consistent with the last decade in Napa Valley: a dry spring and summer, with long stretches of warm days regularly tempered by the cool nights. Such conditions are ideal for maintaining the balance of fruit and acidity that help define quality wine grapes. While the 2020 Napa Valley harvest proved to be one of the most challenging in history, PV365 team remained optimistic and came together to work under difficult and dangerous times to produce a portfolio of beautiful, well-balanced, meticulously crafted 2020 PV365 wines. The story of this vintage will continue to unfold over the years to come. We believe the rewards are well worth it!

WINEMAKING

PV365's Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from Moulds Family Vineyard on September 16, 2020. Post-harvest, the grapes went through a three-day cold soak, a 10-day primary fermentation, and then a 14-day extended maceration for color and tannin extraction. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrels before the beginning of 22 months of aging in new and used French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Something special seems to happen with the Moulds' fruit grown on the western benchlands of the Oak Knoll District. Their uniquely situated property is one of Napa Valley's most ideal spots to grow super-concentrated, but balanced, Cabernet Sauvignon. The challenging but ultimately successful 2020 growing conditions allowed PV365 to bottle such a wine. The Cabernet's aromas are a complex array of currants and spice, with intriguing, velvet-smooth butterscotch and mocha notes adding even more complexity on the nose. On the palate, a balanced combination of red and black fruits, bright, high-toned acidity, and a long finish framed by smooth, integrated tannins make for a wonderfully expressive and full-bodied Napa Cabernet—a wine built for aging, but good luck trying to wait!

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: Moulds Family Vineyard

AVA: Napa Valley
HARVESTED: September 16, 2020

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.6°

AGING: 22 months, 100% French oak

BLEND: 94.75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.25% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Malbec, 0.5% Merlot

PH: 3.74 TA: 5.9 g/L ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Currants, spice, and cola

FLAVORS: Blackberries, mocha, butterscotch

PROFILE: Full bodied with a beautiful texture, mouthfeel, and length