



2020 "SAJANA" NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

The blending of grape varieties and vineyard sources is a tried-and-true method of winemaking in Napa Valley. Our proprietary Napa Valley Red Wine "Sajana" is a great example. It celebrates the power of collaboration!

The vineyards we chose to create Sajana are, indeed, an expert blend of great sites around the Valley, from elevated, rocky terrains to terraced hillsides and the valley floor. This structured but approachable red wine reflects these varied locations, selected to work in seamless harmony with each other. We find the resulting complexity created by our winemaker, Patrick Saboe, quite impressive. Sajana is very much the sum of its parts. And as a counterpoint to more traditional, Bordeaux-style Cabernet blends produced in Napa Valley, this wine is a deliciously free-spirited expression of California grapegrowing.

## **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 Red Blend was harvested from a handful of carefully selected vineyard sites over a weeklong period from late September to early October 2020. After harvest, the grapes got a three-day cold soak, then commenced on a 10-day primary fermentation. Another 13 days of extended maceration took place before the wine went to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation. The subsequent barrel aging lasted for a full two and half years in new (60%) and used French oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTES

Initial aromatic notes of dark fruits lead to an earthy nose of cocoa powder, along with a touch of anise as the wine opens up in the glass. The flavors of this medium-to-full-bodied wine start out juicy and dark on the palate. After some aeration, it develops depth and structure, with balanced fruit-forward and earthy flavors. Secondary flavors of mocha, wild berries and currant come wrapped in a package of polished tannins. With a delicious, lush mouthfeel, the wine is ready for immediate enjoyment, though we have no doubt that this bottling will also reward patient cellaring!

## **SPECIFICS**

WINE: 2020 Red Wine "Sajana"

VINEYARD: Hyde, Merwyn, Heringer, and Stagecoach®

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: September 25 - October 9, 2020

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.2-26.6

AGING: 30 months, 60% new, 100% French oak

BLEND: 81.5% Syrah, 13.5% Teroldego, 3% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Malbec, 0.5% Cabernet Franc

PH: 3.66 TA: 5.8 g/L ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Dark fruits, anise and cocoa powder FLAVORS: Mocha, currant and wild berries

PROFILE: Medium to full bodied with balanced fruit and earthy flavors, polished tannins, and lush mouthfeel