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LEONARDINI ESTATE

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTES

This 2020 Leonardini Estate wine is pure Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. It begins on the nose bursting with fragrant black cherries, mixed berry jam, crème de cassis, blueberries, caramel and a hint of blackberry tartlet. Its balance and mid-palate are most notable, providing smooth, plush tannins alongside its dense fruit character. On the palate, it delivers raspberry Chambord, red currants, brown sugar, almond croissant and vanilla bean. The beautiful underlying tannin structure, complexity and ample fruit will evolve over time and age gracefully for 15-20 years.

WINEMAKING

Upon hand harvesting in the early morning hours, our grapes were carefully destemmed and sent to tank for a whole-berry fermentation. The grapes were cold-soaked in tank at 45°F for 4-7 days, allowing for increased color, aroma, and flavor extraction. After inoculation, the grape must (juice, skins, and seeds) fermented at 82°F, which allowed for a hot extraction on the skins. For fermentation cap management, we pumped juice over the skins two times per day, wetting the cap evenly for a nice healthy fermentation. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was sent to 70% new French oak, 30% neutral French oak barrels, aging for 26 months. The final blend for the Leonardini Estate is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. At bottling, this wine was unfiltered and unfiltered..

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was a long and warm growing season, seasoned by a drought, which can often lead to a fantastic vintage. Bud break began in late March, leading to a Spring that had few showers and was relatively dry. Summer was steady, with heat spikes that pushed the vintage closer and closer. As we headed into Autumn, harvest was upon us quickly and we moved swiftly to bring in all our grapes to process and finish the season and bring in our Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit is from our Estate vineyards in the Rutherford and St. Helena appellations. This 2020 wine was made from hand-selected grapes from our Cabernet Sauvignon small blocks of clone 4, clone 30 and clone 15..



Winemaker: Jason Moulton **Appellation:** Napa Valley **Alcohol:** 14.8%

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon **Accolades:** 97 pts, Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

• 94 pts, Wine Independent • 93 pts, Decanter • 93 pts, James Suckling • 93 pts, Wine Spectator

