

2020 Caldeira Cabernet Sauvignon Coombsville, Napa Valley, California



The Wine:

This micro production Cabernet Sauvignon was created from a six-barrel selection hand-picked and blended by Marc Gagnon and Brendan Quigley. The wine is sourced entirely from the Caldwell Estate Vineyard in Coombsville, Napa and made by winemaker Marc Gagnon. The blend is 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 3% Merlot. The wine was aged for 18 months in 50% new French oak. There were 148 cases made, approximately 1800 bottles.

The Estate:

Caldeira is the French term for a crater formed by the eruption and subsequent collapse of the mouth of a volcano. The Coombsville AVA in Napa Valley owes much of its unique terroir to this geologic event. Caldeira wines represent the partnership between Caldwell vineyards and Quigley Fine Wines to showcase small production wines from the unique terroir of Coombsville. Caldwell Vineyard, the source of the fruit for this wine, is planted with specific clones that thrive in this area of Napa Valley. John Caldwell, the owner of Caldwell Vineyards is famous in the Napa Valley wine world, known as “The Smuggler” because of his legendary efforts to bring back rare and sought-after clones from Bordeaux to be planted in Napa. His winery and vineyards are truly iconic pieces of Napa Valley history.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Dark purple-black

Aromas: Ripe black currants and plums with violet flowers, wild herbs and hints of cocoa powder.

Flavor & Texture: Dark and dense black fruits supported by plush, cashmere tannins; the powerful fruit shows nuances of blackberries and herbs on the long and layered finish.

Food Pairing: Prime, dry aged filet mignon with a green peppercorn sauce

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