

MARTIN RAY VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Sonoma County and Napa County

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92 points, James Suckling

"A very savory and delicious red with red-meat and currant aromas and flavors. Medium body and lightly chewy tannins. Currants and fresh herbs. Real cabernet character and dry at the end. **Excellent value**. Drink or hold."

Grape: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards - Balanced by the distinct appellations, they blend their Cabernet Sauvignon to be classic in style and defined by the diversity among the vineyards they source from. 56% Sonoma County, 44% Napa County. Sourced from soughtafter appellations, they choose premier vineyard locations from Alexander Valley, Sonoma County and Napa County with distinct variances in climate, elevation, and soil type.

Vintage Notes - Shifts in temperature throughout the season resulted in shorter hangtime and lower yields, but the fruit retained bright acidity, resulting in lively wines. Martin Ray's diligence in testing coupled with a dedicated team proved key to navigating 2020. While quantity may be a bit lessened, quality will not.

Winemaking - Crafted using classic, labor-intensive, small-lot winemaking techniques implemented. Four day cold-soak, hand punch downs for two weeks in open top fermenters. Aged in 45% new French oak for 12 months.

Tasting Notes - Classic and ripe with deep blue and purple fruit, notes of currant, fresh blackberry, bramble, and peppercorn. Interlaced with wet stone and earth, over touches of elderflower and vanilla with fervent, yet silky integrated tannins.

