

SALVESTRIN

2020

RETAGGIO

DR. CRANE VINEYARD

Tasting Notes:

This super Tuscan style blend includes Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet and Cabernet Franc. Aged leather, blackberry, violets and green olive emerge on the nose. Robust yet plush, this medium plus bodied red wine has polished chalky tannins and a tight focused finish.

Winemaking:

Retaggio translates to 'legacy' in Italian and is a high-end table wine designed to pay homage to the Salvestrins' heritage. It is a super Tuscan style blend featuring Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Each variety is vinted separately. Sangiovese receives a shorter cold soak, fewer pumpovers, and less time on skins to preserve delicacy and freshness. Merlot is cold soaked for 4 days, native fermented, and receives 2-3 pumpovers per day during fermentation. Cabernet Sauvignon is cold soaked for 5-7 days, receives more pumpovers for maximum extraction during peak fermentation, and spends longer time on skins to allow the tannins and texture to soften. Cabernet Franc is cold soaked for 4-6 days, native fermented and receives mainly punch downs twice per day, even during peak fermentation. Each of these components is crafted very carefully so our final blend reflects the very best quality that the estate Dr. Crane vineyard has to offer. The Retaggio is aged for a total of 16 months in mostly neutral oak, with a few new French barrels thrown in for complexity and depth.

Vintage:

We were fortunate to produce premium quality in a year rife with climatic challenges. Due to drought conditions berry size was on average 15% smaller, which is preferable for premium winemaking. Tiny berries means a decreased skin to juice ratio, which is important because most flavor components reside in the skins of grape berries. This allowed us to make wines of concentration and complexity seamlessly.



BLEND: 43% Sangiovese, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

AVA: St. Helena, Napa Valley

HARVEST: September-October 2020

PRODUCTION: 513 Cases

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2022

AGING: 16 Months

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

COOPERAGE: French Oak Barrels, 14% New