

SALVESTRIN

~ DR. CRANE VINEYARD ~

2020

ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DR. CRANE VINEYARD
ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY



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Wine Spectator

Tasting Notes:

Our flagship Estate Cabernet Sauvignon from Dr. Crane vineyard represents the pinnacle of our winemaking efforts. Medium plus bodied with finesse and focus, this wine opens with notes of black cherry, boysenberry, and a hint of spice. Notes of barrel tones including baking spice and vanilla on the palate mingle with red plum and anise. A velvety texture is present without compromising its inherent Cabernet weight, a juicy mid palate reveals a persistent finish with chalky yet polished tannins. Our approach emphasizes balance and elegance, creating wines that show restraint and tension, perfectly built for long aging potential.

Winemaking:

Meticulously crafted and blended in the pursuit of perfection. Cabernet clones 169, 412 and 8 are featured along with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Grapes are harvested in the cool hours of the night. After destemming and manually berry sorting, we cold soak for 5-7 days at 55F. During fermentation, we perform daily pump-overs and punch downs depending on the stage of the winemaking. Time on skins varies anywhere from 20 – 35 days. Once the fermentations are dry, they are gently drained and pressed off. The free run portion and press are kept separate and barreled down into oak barrels via gravity. The wines age for over a year before blended. After blending, the Estate Cabernet ages for a total of 22 months. The wine is raked 2-3 times during barrel aging.

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: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

AVA: St. Helena, Napa Valley

HARVEST: September - October 2020

PRODUCTION: 979 Cases

RELEASE DATE: March 2023

AGING: 22 Months

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

COOPERAGE: French Oak Barrels, 55% New

