

NV  
CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON

CALDWELL  
(38° 17' N. Latitude, 122° 14' W. Longitude)

**SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS**

**NV (2020BASE) CABERNET SAUVIGNON** by Caldwell, Napa Valley

**VINTAGE:** Tenth

**COMPOSITION:** 94% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Syrah

**APPELLATION:** Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley, CA

**VINEYARD:** Caldwell Vineyard, Kreuzer Vineyard

**OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD:** 2–8 Years

**PRODUCTION:** 350 Cases

**PRICE:** \$125 / 750ml sos Only

**VINEYARD BLOCKS:**

Caldwell 15, 16, 18, and 20

**YIELD:** 3.2 Tons per Acre on Average

**AVERAGE VINE AGE:** 25 Years

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** See Composition Section

**CLONES:** Multiple

**ROOTSTOCK:** Multiple

**HARVEST DATES:** Multiple

**VINTAGE SUMMARY:** The 2020 Vintage was mostly identified by the fires here in Napa Valley. Our whites and roses were all picked prior to any fires, luckily. A shorter, warmer growing season than the previous two seasons, 2020 appears to be showing traits in the wines similar to 2017. The whites started being harvested to the winery with the roses almost two and a half weeks prior to 2019, but at optimal sugars, and a full spectrum of flavors. The 2020 vintage, although tiny due to extremely diligent selection, appears to be providing wines that will drink amazingly immediately upon release.

**FERMENTATION VESSEL:** Stainless Steel

**WOOD ORIGIN:** New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

**AGING:** 100% French Oak, 80% New, for 20 Months

**FINING:** None

**FILTERING:** Filtered

**ALCOHOL:** 15%

**BOTTLED ON:** July 5, 2022

**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:** We ventured away from the 100% pure Cabernet Sauvignon in 2020 in order to showcase how well the Syrah handled the heat, as well as finding a nice home for the very little A-Grade Cabernet Franc that survived the vintage. The fruit that went into the 2020 bottling would typically go into our Signature Gold, but we decided to declassify the Gold level fruit to our smugglers and biggest fans. The warm vintage aromatics are bold: candied blueberries, elevated vanilla and loads of barrel spice, the nose is gorgeously vertical with accents of dark cocoa nibs and high-toned cola berry. The palate resonates in the very typical "Caldwell Mouth" – broad and round, but with earthiness and spice coming from the Cabernet Franc and Syrah, respectively.