

VARIETAL COLLECTION

*Carménère*

2020

Vintage:	Eleventh
Composition:	99.5% Carménère, 0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clones:	Italian
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 18 and 19
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	20 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	3309
Harvest Date:	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 pouring in the winery with the roses almost two and a half weeks prior to 2019, but at optimal sugars, and a full spectrum of flavors.

Fermentation:	French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	50%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	15.4%
Bottling Date:	August 9, 2022

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2020 Caldwell Varietal Collection Carmeneré was 100% tank fermented to help elevate the varietal character. The 2020 is much more spicy than its 2019 counterpart, but still comes across unbelievably decadent with flavors of ultra-ripe strawberry and vanilla icing. The hot vintage provides voluptuous flavors of stewed red fruits and enters the mid palate viscous and leaves the finish with a mouthcoating breadth that lasts for minutes.

Cellaring:	Now – 10 Years
Production:	129 Cases
Price:	\$125/750ml

