

Syrah

2020

Vintage:	Twelfth
Composition:	100% Syrah
Clones:	Estrella
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard and Kreuzer Vineyard
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 15F
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	35 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	Multiple
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:	Stainless and French Oak
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	20 Months
New Oak Barrels:	50%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	15%
Bottling Date:	August 9, 2022

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2020 VCB Syrah exudes the purest purple and blue fruits, potentially in the entire Caldwell lineup. The aromatics are supported by dark cocoa, heated baking spices, and hints of oyster and tapenade. The palate is voluptuous, gorgeous, and silky – fruit forward with a heavy dose of vanillin to the core. The finish is incredibly floral, with just a hint of toasted oak. The consistency of Caldwell's Syrah every vintage is stunning, but this year provides a bit more richness due to the heat of the vintage.

Cellaring:	Now - 10 Years
Production:	121 Cases
Price:	\$85/750ml

