



2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

HARVESTED		September 20 - 30, 2020
BOTTLED		April 13, 2022
COMPOSITION		100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL		15.1%
WINEMAKER		Katie Vogt

VINTAGE NOTES

The season began with a mild, arid winter and early bud break. A cool spring slowed vine development and the long season eased into a steady, temperate summer. Cool mornings and warm, sunny days allowed the fruit to mature gradually and steadily, achieving great complexity, focus, and structure. Dry conditions led to lower yields and small, concentrated berries. Though the wildfires of 2020 severely restricted the harvesting of red varieties in our Pahlmeyer estate vineyard, the quality of fruit we did pick was superb. Faced with the compromise of an extremely low yield, Winemaker Katie Vogt chose to dedicate our finest estate Cabernet to our Jayson wines rather than bottle a 2020 vintage of Pahlmeyer reds. As a result, these Jayson bottlings possess a remarkable gravitas—truly delicious, with striking aspects of Pahlmeyer character.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested at night to deliver naturally cooled grapes to the winery. Whole clusters were gravity-fed onto a vibrating table for hand sorting. Selected clusters were gently de-stemmed, delivering whole berries for a final hand sorting. After several days of cold maceration, the fruit entered primary fermentation for two to three weeks, then gently pressed in our stainless-steel basket. The wine finished malolactic fermentation in barrel, then aged for 15 months in 88% new French oak barrels.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

Effusive aromas of blackberry pie, cassis, and leather greet the nose, foretelling the full, expressive palate. Intense notes of blackberry and plum interweave with flecks of pink peppercorn and plowed earth, amplified by a lift of fresh acidity. The tannins are firm yet seamlessly melded with the rich fruit, driving to a plush, juicy finish. —Katie Vogt

ABOUT JAYSON WINES

Jayson wines are born from one of the most renowned winegrowing regions in the world – the iconic Napa Valley. Every vintage is meticulously made with the attention to detail for which Pahlmeyer is known and trusted, while capturing the spirit of its founder whose huge personality, humor and joy for living are an integral part of the Pahlmeyer legacy.



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