

2020 STAR LANE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



ALCOHOL
14.5%

AGED
20 months

OAK
35% New French

HARVESTED
Sept-Oct 2020

BOTTLED
June 2022

CELLAR LIFE
20 years

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Vintage

While 2020 was marked throughout California by wildfires and other challenges, the vintage in Santa Barbara and specifically Happy Canyon proved to be quite good and relatively unaffected by the challenges faced in the north of the state. The vineyard in Happy Canyon once again showed its health and resiliency, even through normal heat spikes, and ended up producing balanced and delicious Bordelaise varietals. In fact, Cabernet Franc played a much larger role in this vintage, expressing beautiful density and spice that complimented the estate Cabernet Sauvignon so well. The blend is Cabernet Sauvignon 77%; Cab Franc 12%; Petite Verdot 6%; Merlot 5%

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WINEMAKER NOTES

"We are thrilled with our 2020 Happy Canyon wines," said Tyler Thomas. "While we had some trepidation due to two historic heat spells, grapevines provided inspiration for us all by demonstrating their resiliency. Good wine can always be found in challenging years." In fact, 2020 turned out to be an exceptional year for Bordelaise varietals in Happy Canyon and the single vineyard tucked into a cooler part of the eastern region demonstrated its class.

95+ Points *Jeb Dunnuck*

"With nicely integrated oak, medium to full body, ripe, polished tannins, and a great finish, this is another sensational Bordeaux blend from this estate that readers will love." *Jeb Dunnuck, August 2023*

95 Points, *Antonio Galloni, Vinous*

"The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Star Lane Vineyard is fabulous. It benefits from the warmer growing season, which fills out the mid-palate and softens the edges just a touch. Dark red/purplish fruit, cedar, leather, tobacco and incense fill out the layers. This dense, explosive Cabernet is absolutely stunning. It is also an insane value in today's world." *Antonio Galloni, July 2023*

