

# INK GRADE

## 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

### AN ELEVATED EXPRESSION OF MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The varying and distinctive landscape of the parcels meticulously selected for our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon offer a wine of complexity and incredible breadth. Incorporating a portion of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, this wine possesses bright acidity and structured mountain tannins, distinct in its ability to be enjoyed at a youthful stage.

### 2020 VINTAGE INSIGHTS

We prune for low yields and farm carefully so that our fruit will be ready to harvest on the early side—and this was so critical in 2020. Harvested in the middle of August—and thus 100% unaffected by the Glass Fire—the 2020 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon reflects bright acidity and integrated mountain tannins. A mild spring followed by a warm winter set the stage for a balanced vintage with notes of cassis, cocoa, and pomegranate followed by a lengthy finish.

AVA: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
5% MERLOT

AGING: 9 MONTHS (60% IN NEW FRENCH OAK,  
40% IN OAK TANKS), FOLLOWED BY 26 MONTHS  
(20% IN OAK TANK, 80% IN FRENCH OAK  
BARRELS, 60% NEW)

HARVEST DATE: 8/15/20 – 8/18/20

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VINEYARD BLOCK: LOST CLOUD, BUDDHA'S  
BELLY, BEAR BLUFF, LONE BASIN, PUMP HOUSE,  
COLISEUM, 3'S HOLLOW, UPWARD DESCENT,  
LANGOUSTINE