

# PEDRONCELLI



#### THREE VINEYARD BLEND

Estate fruit was harvested from the northern end of Dry Creek Valley, where these Bordeaux varieties excel. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot were hand-picked just a mile from the winery. Each develop exceptional character on the vineyard sites situated on the valley bench. The vines receive the right amount of sun and cooling fog which develops optimal flavors in the grapes. Careful vineyard management during the growing season defines the style even more.

#### WINEMAKING

The 2020 vintage started with a quality growing season with rain in Spring and a warm Summer with few heat spikes in September. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked on the last days of September based on maturity and acidity levels. High concentration of phenols and aromatics with mild tannins were the result.

Once at the crush pad, the grapes are de-stemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours. Inoculated with the Bordeaux yeast strain, fermentation followed in stainless steel tanks. During this time, in order to get the best color and flavor, the juice is circulated over the cap daily and gently macerated to extract the color and flavors from the skins. Once dry the new wine is pressed and stored until barreled in the winter. The separate lots were aged French oak barrels for one year in order to develop smoothness and complexity.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of cassis, spicy oak and mocha introduce this medium bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. Soft tannins are framed by black plum and cherry followed by highlights of dried herbs and dark chocolate notes. Great structure and good acidity combine with a persistent and rounded finish. Enjoy upon release or cellar up to ten more years.

## Technical Information

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley,

Sonoma County

#### COMPOSITION

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Cabernet Franc

5% Petit Verdot

2% Merlot

2% Malbec

BARREL AGING 12 months in French oak with 30% new oak

ALCOHOL 14.3%

pH 3.69

TOTAL ACIDITY .680g/100ml

Cabernet Sauvignon | three vineyards v.2020 sonoma county, dry creek valley

