

# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

## NAPA VALLEY



### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol..... 14.1% by volume  
Fermentation .... indigenous yeast;  
4 weeks of skin contact  
Harvest date ..... Sept. 23 - Oct. 10, 2020  
Sugar..... 23.5° Brix (average)  
Bottling date .... July 1 - Sept. 2, 2022  
Release date..... Fall 2024  
Total acid ..... 5.5 g/L  
pH ..... 3.65  
Time in oak..... 20 months  
Type of oak ..... 100% French oak  
Production ..... 15,500 cases (12/750 ml.)  
Blend..... 83% Cab. Sauvignon  
11% Merlot  
5% Petit Verdot  
1% Cabernet Franc

### REVIEWS

94 | Decanter - 4.5.23  
90 | JamesSuckling.com - 9.13.22

### 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**VINTAGE:** 2020 was a challenging but ultimately one of the most rewarding vintages for us. One of the hottest vintages on record with multiple heat waves well over 100 degrees, vintage 2020 was also accompanied by exceptionally low rainfall: 50-60% below average. Despite the heat and drought, our vines were well prepared for the stress. Due to low rainfall in 2020, the vines prepared themselves for drought by producing less leaves, which requires less water. The heat and drought produced exceptionally low yields but with excellent quality – great acid and freshness in white wines, and beautiful concentration and color in the reds.

**VINEYARD:** Our Yountville vineyard forms the heart of our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, with grapes from our Rutherford and Calistoga vineyards rounding out the blend. All our vineyards are certified regenerative organic, ensuring that all of our grapes are of the highest quality, and that we are responsible stewards of our environment.

**THE WINE:** This elegant, graceful wine opens with aromas of blackberries, blueberries, sweet black currant and ripe black cherry, supported by hints of vanilla and sandalwood. The flavors on the palate are of fresh, red and black berry fruit accompanied by hints of rosemary and violets. The richness of the fruit is balanced with a bright acidity and soft, smooth tannins leading to a long and vibrant finish.