



MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT · CATON VINEYARD UPPER BENCH MERLOT

VARIETAL	-----	100% Merlot
FARMING PRACTICES	-----	Certified Sustainable
APPELLATION	-----	Moon Mountain District ~ Sonoma Valley
REGION	-----	Estate Grown, Caton Vineyard
ALCOHOL	-----	14.9%
BOTTLING DATE	-----	May 2022
PRODUCTION	-----	433 Cases
VINTAGE	-----	2020
RELEASE DATE	-----	November 2022

TASTING NOTES

This elegant Merlot greets the nose with rich aromas of ripe cherry and violets, followed by a lush mouth feel with layers of blackberry, currant, and a touch of chocolate. These flavors combine with soft and supple tannins to create a long, silky smooth finish.

CATON VINEYARD NOTES- MERLOT

Located in the foothills of Moon Mountain District, the Caton Vineyard is defined by its sustainable farming and belief that healthier vineyards produce unique and distinctive wines. 3.13 acres of Clone 3 Merlot is planted with East-West row direction leading into a ravine. The deep, rocky volcanic soil on the vineyard is rich with iron clay - an ideal atmosphere for producing the highest quality crop with slow, even ripening.

2020 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 harvest started with idealic growing conditions in Sonoma Valley. Temperature rose consistently through Labor Day while September brought high temperature spikes accelerating the last weeks of harvest. It took a unpredictable turn mid-August with wild-fires leaving uncertainty around the county. Luckily, the early harvest allowed us time to pick the Caton Vineyard with quality fruit. This vintage resulted in smaller berries and concentrated fruit.

Ty Caton Vineyards is committed to producing the finest wines made from the highest quality grapes and winemaking dedication at its best. Our limited production allows us to handcraft wines with varietal intensity and balance.

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