

2020 Murray Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain AVA

Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Cabernet Franc 8%, Malbec 4%, Petit Verdot 4%, Merlot 4% "Out of Line" Vineyard 68%, E&E Shaw Vineyard 32%

Oak Program

- Neutral 62%, New 38%
- French 40%, European 40%, American 20%
- Aged in small (59 gallon) barrels

Harvest Dates

• All grapes harvested between Sept. 19, 2020 and Oct. 23, 2020

Growing Season

For a year that was completely out of normal in many aspects, Harvest 2020 was not one of them. Bud break began in mid-April, well aligned with historical averages. Late July and early August saw some heat spikes, but, overall, it was a fairly moderate, even summer. Harvest began the third week of August, well aligned with many recent years. Significant wildfire smoke came in during the second week of September, pausing harvest for nearly 10 days. The layer of smoke also stalled sugar accumulation and pushed harvest for some varieties into cooler parts of September and October.

Production Methods

Handpicked, crushed, and destemmed directly into square open top fermenters. We do not use a must pump; this helps tame the tannins. The ferments are hand punched down. We press directly into barrel where it where it ages sur lee and completes malolactic fermentation.

We bottled 608 cases