

# BUEHLER VINEYARDS

(NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)

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**Buehler Vineyards** is a small, family-owned winery located in the mountains east of St. Helena in Napa Valley. Situated north of Pritchard Hill and Conn Valley, near the base of Howell Mountain, our hillside vineyards are planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon, with smaller blocks of old-vine Zinfandel.

Our family has been farming this beautiful estate for thirty-six years. We combine that experience and the unique terroir of our hillside vineyards with low yields, meticulous vineyard management, and minimalist winemaking techniques to create wines of uncommon complexity and depth, and to present these wines to wine lovers at reasonable prices.

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## Russian River Chardonnay 2019

CSPC# 714965

750mlx12

13.9% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.0 g/l	pH: 3.49	Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	100% Chardonnay		
<b>Winemaker</b>	David Cronin		
<b>Vintage</b>	The 2019 growing season was notable for the generous late rains that made for robust spring growth. Summer saw few heat spikes and the warm days were tempered by many foggy mornings. A long growing season, 2019 will be remembered for providing extended hang time that resulted in intensely flavored fruit with good natural acidity for those winemakers that exercised patience.		
<b>Harvest</b>	We completed our Chardonnay harvest on September 24th.		
<b>Vineyards</b>	Our 2019 Russian River Chardonnay is born from two vineyards within the Russian River appellation: Wood Vineyard, located on River Rd and River Vineyard, located in the heart of Sonoma's Russian River Valley on East Side Road. The floral, mineral, and lime aromas and steely structure of the River Vineyard are complemented by the peach and apricot aromas and more fleshy structure of the Wood Vineyard.		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Our winemaking philosophy remains the same since we first introduced the Russian River Chardonnay in 1993: less intervention is better in dealing with a delicate variety like Chardonnay. Winemaking techniques including sur-lie aging, lees stirring, full malolactic fermentation, and the measured use of some new French oak are employed to bring you this delicious rendition from Sonoma's premier Chardonnay appellation.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Balance and proportion best describe the character of our 2019 Russian River Chardonnay; it displays abundant floral/ stone fruit aromas lightly accented by toasty, graham cracker sur-lie qualities. The mouth feel is creamy and full, but the natural acidity of the Russian River fruit carries this velvet textured package to a long, clean finish.		
<b>Serve with</b>	Salmon, chicken, pork, or pasta with cream sauces.		
<b>Production</b>	13,000 cases		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>85 points</b> - Kim Marcus, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2021		
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Ripe white fruit and spice flavors show pastry accents, with biscuit notes on the finish. Drink now."</i> - KM, Wine Spectator		



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# Napa Valley Zinfandel 2020

CSPC# 714963

750mlx12

14.9% alc./vol.

**Chemical Analysis** Acidity: 5.8 g/l pH: 3.59 Residual Sugar: .5g/l  
**Grape Variety** 95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah

**Winemaker** David Cronin

**Vintage** The early 2020 Napa Valley growing season was notable for the warm, dry conditions that persisted through late February. It wasn't until March that we welcomed cool, wet weather; the late Spring rains supplied the wakening vines with the water they needed for their rapid Spring growth. No discussion of the 2020 vintage would be complete without mention of the multiple wildfires that tore through wine country starting August 17 after a series of thunderstorms rolled through the state culminating in multiple fires ignited by the associated lightning strikes. The Hennessey fire was the closest to Buehler Vineyards, but we were spared the ravages of smoke on our wines since the prevailing winds pushed the fire to the east of us. The Glass fire, which started September 27 and burned just to the west of us, forced us to evacuate the winery for several days. Fortunately, we had completed the Zinfandel and Cabernet harvest on the estate by then, so the resulting wines were unscathed by the smoke.

**Vineyards** The grapes we chose for our 2020 Buehler Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel came exclusively from our low-yielding estate vineyards. Dry-farmed for over 33 years, our 4.5-acre estate block consists of mature forty-six-year-old vines which typically give us around 2.5 tons/acre of beautiful hillside Zinfandel fruit. Interspersed among the head-trained vines are a handful of Petite Sirah vines representing perhaps 5% of the total vines in this block. A traditional field companion to Zinfandel in pre-prohibition California vineyards, Petite Sirah contributes pepper, color, and tannin structure to the wine.

**Vinification/ Maturation** Our Zinfandel was aged for 12 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 20% of which were new. At this level of "new wood", the up-front endearing quality of Zinfandel can assert itself.

**Tasting Notes** Aromas of a briar patch on a hot summer day carry over to the palate and are carried in a mouth-filling, deeply layered, juicy package.

**Serve with** Concentrated and intense, this Zinfandel explodes on the palate with dark fruit, dark chocolate, black pepper, and spice. This wine is full-bodied and would make an excellent match for BBQ and other grilled meats.

**Production** 1140 cases produced.

**Cellaring** The wine was crafted for immediate enjoyment but for those who enjoy a more complex wine displaying some bottle-aged character, aging for another two to three years is a good option.

**Scores/Awards** **90 points** - Tim Fish, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2023

**Reviews** *"Focused and plump, with zesty cherry flavors that are accented with licorice and savory spices and build toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029. 1,140 cases made."*  
- TF, winespectator.com



# Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

CSPC# 714968

750mlx12

14.8% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.0 g/l	pH: 3.75	Residual Sugar: g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon		
<b>Winemaker</b>	David Cronin		
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>The early 2020 Napa Valley growing season was notable for the warm, dry conditions that persisted through late February. It wasn't until March that we welcomed cool, wet weather; the late Spring rains supplied the wakening vines with the water they needed for their rapid Spring growth.</p> <p>No discussion of the 2020 vintage would be complete without mention of the multiple wildfires that tore through wine country starting August 17 after a series of thunderstorms rolled through the state culminating in multiple fires ignited by the associated lightning strikes. The Hennessey fire was the closest to Buehler Vineyards but we were spared the ravages of smoke on our wines since the prevailing winds pushed the fire to the east of us. The Glass fire, which started September 27 and burned just to the west of us, forced us to evacuate the winery for several days. Fortunately, we had completed the Zinfandel and Cabernet harvest on the estate by then, so the resulting wines were unscathed by the smoke. However, the vineyard we have purchased Cabernet grapes from for our Napa Valley Cabernet for over thirty years did not fare so well. The grower determined that the entire Cabernet crop had been compromised by the smoke and so we received no fruit whatsoever from that vineyard. As a result, the very meager amount of 2020 Napa Valley Cabernet we made comes entirely off our estate vineyards.</p>		
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>The 2020 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley vineyards located on the valley floor. Comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the blend produces a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in Napa Valley.</p>		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	<p>Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation: keeping the wine "dirty" when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2020 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was racked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.</p>		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, and black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age.</p>		
<b>Production</b>	3,300 cases produced.		
<b>Cellaring</b>	<p>For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2023 through 2027. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2028-2038.</p>		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>92 points</b> - Michel Godel, Wine Align - April 2024 <b>Review Only</b> - Buywineonline.com - January 2024</p>		
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"So, appreciate two facets of major importance from the Buehler cabernet sauvignon. The first is aromatic volume and the second would be exceptional acidity, both acting to lift and buoy fruit, keep it scrolling like a Ferris wheel and without any sacrifice to the body politic of the wine. The alcohol at 14.5 is fulsome with heft and the weight of the wine settles well and balanced on the palate without laying down tracks of density. Fine, suave, and built on a proper tannic profile to see this cabernet sauvignon live well for up to 10 years. A bottle of the '21 in hand and "the question isn't, what are we going to do? The question is, what aren't we going to do?"</i> - MG, Wine Align</p>		



**Reviews**

*“Buehler Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 is a bold and full-bodied red wine that perfectly encapsulates the essence of the Napa Valley. With a deep ruby color and a complex bouquet of dark fruit, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a delight to the senses. The wine is crafted with care, using only the finest grapes that are harvested from the vineyards that have been owned and operated by the Buehler family for over 40 years. On the palate, the wine is rich and complex, with a flavor profile that is dominated by black fruit notes such as blackberry, black currant, and plum. This Cabernet Sauvignon is well-structured, with firm tannins that provide a satisfyingly long and smooth finish. Although this wine can be enjoyed immediately upon release, it will only get better with time, and additional aging will allow the tannins to soften and the flavors to develop even further. Overall, Buehler Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 is a must-try for any lover of bold and flavorful red wines. This wine is an excellent example of the high quality that can be achieved when a winery is committed to the art and science of winemaking. Whether enjoyed alone or paired with a hearty meal, this Cabernet Sauvignon is sure to leave a lasting impression on the palate and the soul.”*

- [Buywinesonline.com](http://Buywinesonline.com)

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