

# 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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## Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

CSPC# 714968

750mlx12

14.8% alc./vol.

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| <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>                      | 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.<br>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. |          |                     |
| <b>Vineyards</b>                    | 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.   |          |                     |
| <b>Vinification/<br/>Maturation</b> | 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.   |          |                     |
| <b>Tasting Notes</b>                | 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.   |          |                     |
| <b>Production</b>                   | 3,300 cases produced.  |          |                     |
| <b>Cellaring</b>                    | 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.   |          |                     |
| <b>Scores/Awards</b>                | <b>92 points</b> - Michel Godel, Wine Align - April 2024<br><b>Review Only</b> - Buywineonline.com - January 2024  |          |                     |



**Reviews** *“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?”*  
- MG, Wine Align

*“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

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