

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SONOMA VALLEY

élevé

MOON MOUNTAIN

2021

BISMARCK MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

The Vineyard: Bismark Mountain Vineyard is a 27-acre vineyard planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon located in the crest of the Moon Mountain District AVA of Sonoma Valley. Moon Mountain is a volcanic peak that rises to over 2300 feet. Most of this remote appellation is covered in Oak, Madrone, Laurel, Fir and Redwood trees with sweeping vineyards carved into the steep hillsides. Bismark is more rugged and sparse with its distinctive rocky volcanic soils and unique Rhyolitic Tuff and Lava Rock, full of glassy fragments and quartz. This is mountain farming at its best. The rugged landscape and diverse volcanic soils produce extremely low yielding, but intensely concentrated fruit, which makes for wines with amazing complexity. We sourced this wine from fruit in Block 1 from the rare Clone 6 Cabernet Sauvignon known for producing extremely small berries and tiny yields. A perfect site for élevé!

Winemaking: The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from Bismark Mountain are so unique and distinctively flavored that our job in stewarding the grapes to wine is to capture that very essence with as gentle handling as possible. The grapes were hand picked the first week of October in the early morning hours. We gently destemmed, sorted the fruit and gravity fed the whole berries in to an open top fermenter for cold soak and primary fermentation using only native yeasts. The grapes were punched down by hand two times a day for approximately two and a half weeks after which the wine was pressed in to French Oak Barrels, 60% new, for malo-lactic fermentation and aging. The wine aged in barrel for 36 months, was racked and bottled unfiltered.

The Wine: Displays a saturated, deep purple color and an expressive nose of Crème de cassis, wildberry, blueberry-jam and baked cherry with hints of, wild fennel, mountain underbrush, graphite, espresso, and cedar. Medium to full-bodied and rich with a core of concentrated black and blue fruits coming in savory layers, accented by dusty earth, bay leaf, black tea and violets. Firmly structured and vibrant, the complex, lush fruit is supported by fine-grained, integrated tannins that intermingle with the fruit and persist on the long, elegant finish.

(150 Cases Produced)

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