



2020 VINTAGE NOTES

OUR 2020 FAVIA COOMBSVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS A TRIUMPH AND A PROUD MARKER OF WHAT WAS INDEED A CHALLENGING YEAR IN THE NAPA VALLEY, AND THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE GROWING SEASON ARRIVED IN THE MIDST OF A PROLONGED CALIFORNIA DROUGHT. THE PRECEDING WINTER BROUGHT VERY LITTLE RAIN, MEANING THAT GROWERS NEEDED TO BE PROACTIVE IN IRRIGATING THEIR VINEYARDS EARLY TO ASSURE GOOD SHOOT GROWTH. DEPENDING ON LOCATION AND WATER AVAILABILITY, BY MID-SEASON VIGOR RANGED FROM VERY LOW TO MODERATE. THE CROP LOAD WAS REDUCED, EITHER BY MOTHER NATURE OR BY DILIGENT HAND WORK. DRY CONDITIONS AND BOUNTIFUL SUNSHINE MEANT THAT THE WINES WERE GOING TO BE DARK AND CONCENTRATED.

2020 FAVIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON COOMBSVILLE NAPA VALLEY

THE DRAMATIC FIRES THAT AFFECTED THE NORTHERN HALF OF NAPA VALLEY WERE FAR FROM THE QUIET SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE VALLEY, HOME TO THE COOMBSVILLE APPELLATION. THIS, AND THE TIMING OF THE EVENTS, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR OUR WINEMAKING TEAM TO DILIGENTLY ASSESS THE IMPACTS, AND TO CAREFULLY HARVEST AND FERMENT EACH OF OUR PARCELS SEPARATELY. IN THE END, A CAREFUL SELECTION PROCESS LED TO A SMALL BOTTLING OF OUR COOMBSVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON. THE WINE INDEED CONFIDENTLY EXPRESSES THE VINTAGE—IT IS DARK BLACK-PURPLE IN COLOR, QUITE OPAQUE, AND POSSESSES A SOLID BACKBONE OF STRUCTURE AND TANNIN. AROMATICALLY, IT EXPRESSES EVERYTHING WE ENJOY ABOUT WINES FROM COOMBSVILLE, WITH NOTES OF RED AND BLACK FRUITS, MINERAL, GRAPHITE, AND SAVORY SPICES. ON THE PALATE, THIS YOUNG WINE IS FIRM BUT BROAD, WITH THE FRUIT CHARACTER RUSHING ACROSS THE PALATE AND LINGERING FOR MINUTES.

AGED FOR 20 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 40% OF WHICH WERE NEW, AND BOTTLED WITHOUT FINING OR FILTRATION, THE WINE IS RICH AND DELICIOUS. AND WITH SUCH CONCENTRATION AND TANNIN STRUCTURE, IT WILL CERTAINLY AGE FOR DECADES TO COME. IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL WAY TO REFLECT ON SUCH AN EVENTFUL YEAR AS WE LOOK BACK IN TIME.

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON