

## 2020 BOUGETZ CELLARS SARDONYX NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

## **WINEMAKER NOTES**

The 2020 Sardonyx Cabernet Franc is one of the newest wines in our portfolio and is 89% Cabernet Franc, blended with 6% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Showing its roots from Mt Veeder, this is a dark, inky black Cabernet Franc. Aromas of black fruit, white pepper and a hint of tea leaf fill the bowl, raising the anticipation of tasting the wine. Full-bodied, this wine rewards you with a mouthful of black currant and black cherry. Big, and long in the finish, this is a wine that will age effortlessly.

## HARVEST NOTES

The 2020 growing season went from hope and excitement, to literally crash and burn. Timing was everything with the 2020 harvest. When budbreak occurred around the end of February, we were blessed with warm days and clear skies. The growing season was moving along perfectly until the first of two fires hit the Napa Valley. Vineyards in the eastern part of Napa were most affected. Luckily we were able to harvest this fruit from Mt Veeder, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, before the second fire would affect the vines.

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Harvest date: September 24th, 2020

· Appellation: Mt Veeder

Brix at harvest: 24.8

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry

Fermentation: 14-day ferment

 Aging: 21 months, with 50% new French oak, 50% once used

Alcohol: 14.9%

• pH: 3.79

TA: 5.80 g/L

Bottled: August 2022

Case production: 103 cases

Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz

Suggested retail: \$69