

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites. Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.
750ml 6 bottle case Allocated

The 2020 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as Alexander School Reserve. We continue that tradition with this newest release, a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

The 2020 growing season enjoyed near-perfect growing conditions. The year began with lower than normal rainfall and unseasonably warm temperatures. This was followed by weeks of steady daytime heat and cool evenings, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly.

The grapes for this vintage were selected from one of our favorite valley floor vineyards. This was the last lot of 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon harvested, the long hang time resulted in grapes with intense, complex and concentrated flavors. After harvest the lot was de-stemmed, fermented, then aged in 44% new French oak barrels for 32 months to accentuate the complexity and firm tannins.

Inky color and enticing dark fruit aromas of cassis, black cherry, plum and boysenberry, along with oak, vanilla and chocolate fill the glass. This is a big wine with complex flavors of cherry, boysenberry, vanilla, chocolate, and a hint of oak. There is nice texture with well integrated silky tannins and a long finish in this classic Cab.

You can easily enjoy this bottle now, but take our advice and stow a few bottles away for the future!



Food Pairing: Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing. Try it with pork osso bucco for a decadent meal.

Accolades: **2019: 95 points & Gold Medal - California State Fair**
2018: 91 points - James Suckling
2017: 98 points & Double Gold Medal - Sunset International Wine Competition

Profile:

- Rich texture, balanced acidity, silky, smooth tannins
- Layered dark fruits and a chocolate note

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and quickly realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The estate has a wide diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates: October 15, 2020

Barrel regimen: 32 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads, 44% new

Alcohol: 14.0% **pH:** 3.56 **TA:** 6.8 g/L

Cases: 2600 cases **Closure:** Cork **Case pack:** 6 bottles

UPC: 0-85798 10006-4 **SRP:** \$60



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