

2020 Caldeira Proprietary Blend

Coombsville, Napa Valley, California



The Wine:

This Bordeaux inspired blend was made from grapes grown on the Caldwell Vineyard in the Coombsville AVA of Southeastern Napa Valley. The blend is 66% Cabernet Sauvignon (clones 191 and 169), 17% Merlot (clone 181) and 17 % Petit Verdot aged for 20 months in French oak barrels. Winemaker Marc Gagnon made just 165 cases of this wine in 2020.

The Project:

Caldeira is the French term for a crater formed by the eruption and subsequent collapse of the mouth of a volcano. The Coombsville AVA in Napa Valley owes much of its unique terroir to this geologic event. Caldeira wines represent the partnership between Caldwell vineyards and Quigley Fine Wines to showcase small production wines from the unique terroir of Coombsville. Caldwell Vineyard, the source of the fruit for these wines, is planted with specific clones that thrive in this area of Napa Valley. John Caldwell, the owner of Caldwell Vineyards is famous in the Napa Valley wine world, known as “The Smuggler” because of his legendary efforts to bring back rare and sought after clones from Bordeaux to be planted in Napa. His winery and vineyards are truly iconic pieces of Napa Valley history. The wines are made by Marc Gagnon.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Dense purple – ruby.

Aromas: Black currant, Creme de Cassis, and subtle notes of wild herbs.

Flavors and Texture: Ripe black fruits, cocoa powder, vanilla bean and desert sage. The mouthfeel is cashmere-like with round, plush tannins.

Food Pairing: Prime, dry-aged Rib-eye steaks grilled over mesquite wood.

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