

2021 Caldeira Cabernet Franc

Coombsville, Napa Valley, California



The Wine:

This micro production wine was created from a barrel selection hand-picked by Brendan Quigley and Marc Gagnon. The wine is sourced entirely from the Caldwell Estate Vineyard in Coombsville, Napa and made by winemaker Marc Gagnon. The wine is 100% Cabernet Franc from Clone #214 and was aged for 16 months in approximately 50% new French oak. There were just 56 cases made, approximately 675 bottles.

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 this wine, 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.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Dark ruby-purple.

Aromas: Red raspberry, baking spices and purple flowers and toasty oak seasoning.

Flavor & Texture: Creamy and round with intense red fruits, vanilla and cocoa. The tannins are silky and seamless.

Food Pairing: Prime filet mignon with a cognac, peppercorn sauce.

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