



**VARIETY:**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**VINEYARD:**  
Kurt's Vineyard

**APPELLATION:**  
San Lucas, Monterey

**HARVEST DATES:**  
Oct 5 – Oct 30, 2020

**ALCOHOL:** 14.3%

**PH:** 3.70

**TA:** 6.3 g/L

**AGING:**  
100% French oak  
33% new, 20 months

**BOTTLING DATE:** Aug 16, 2022

**CASES PRODUCED:** 120



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## 2020 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, KURT'S VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

Due to its cool climate and the ocean influence, Monterey County is best known for its Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. Yet in the southern part of the county lies the San Lucas appellation, a gorgeous locale with rolling topography, complex soils and weather that is warm enough to ripen all of the red Bordeaux varieties. Killer Cab from Monterey County? Our 2020 Kurt's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is Exhibit A.

Dark and concentrated, our 2020 Kurt's Cab opens with aromas of blackberry, elderberry and blueberry with notes of mocha and allspice. The full-bodied palate delivers rich black fruit flavors and subtle oak followed by soft, integrated tannins and a lengthy finish.

### VINEYARD

Kurt Gollnick, our long-time and recently retired COO of over 30 years, has been farming vineyards since 1981. Kurt's Vineyard, a 10-acre plot in the rolling hillsides of the San Lucas AVA, is the culmination of his many years of knowledge and experience. He chose the site for its potential to grow his favorite variety and the grape best suited to the *terroir*: Cabernet Sauvignon. This high-density planting is farmed by hand, one cluster at a time, and features eight distinct clones of Cabernet. The result is a wine of exceptional character and complexity.

### VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season unfolded with a gentle winter followed by spring rains and moderate temperatures. Lovely 85°F days and cool 55°F evenings allowed for even ripening of the grapes. Warmer late season temperatures had our grapes ready to pick slightly earlier than normal, with our first grapes being harvested in mid-August. This proved to be a blessing because in late August, electrical storms sparked numerous fires that burned throughout Monterey County. Fortunately, fruit from our vineyards closest to the fires had already been picked and the strong winds off Monterey Bay helped to disperse the smoke and keep it from settling over our vineyards. In a year marked by challenge and change, we believe our 2020 vintage wines are a bright spot.

### WINEMAKING

Kurt's Vineyard features eight different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon planted in a high-density pattern to enhance quality and complexity. Each clone was handpicked, destemmed and crushed into small open fermentation bins. The cap was punched down three times per day at the height of fermentation to gently increase extraction of color and phenolic compounds. The juice was racked clean to barrels for secondary malolactic fermentation and aging. After 20 months of barrel aging, each lot was tasted and evaluated for inclusion in the final blend.

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