



2020 QUIXOTE ROCINANTE

Stags Leap District



THE VINTAGE

The 2020 season will be remembered for factors beyond the normal measurements. Here in the valley, it was a warm, dry winter and we didn't start to see rain and cold weather until the end of March. While the mild spring season gave us a great early start, the wineries of Napa Valley worked under extensive safety protocols due to the COVID pandemic. Summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. While the red wine harvest will be smaller than usual, we were able to move forward with red wine vinification.

TASTING NOTES

A heady bouquet of blackberry brambles, baked rhubarb and cassis with an underlying minerality wafts out of the glass as your senses awaken. Soft, chalky tannins combine with flavors of raspberry, black currant, plum and mulberry as your palate fully realizes this medium weight wine that finished like an everlasting blueberry gobstopper. Enjoy over the next 15-20 years.

TECHNICAL

Wine Makers: Robert Smith & Philippe Melka

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.71

TA: 5.7g/L

Harvest Dates: September 17 - October 9

Bottling Date: April 14, 2023

Blend: 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 13% Petite Verdot and 11% Malbec