

2020 The Big Canyon



The 2020 Big Canyon possesses the true essence of a bold red blend! This GSM blend features our savory Syrah, complemented by a bright Grenache, and an opulent Mourvèdre. The fruit was hand-selected and aged for 18 months in 100% French oak to create a blend of Rhône varietals that is richly sophisticated, multi-layered, and where all elements come together effortlessly.

Wild rose and plumeria, with hints of juniper bush and graphite rise up in the glass, while bolder aromas of lingonberry jam, chocolate covered cherry, ripe plum, and caramelized fig build density. Undertones of freshly chopped wood, smoked meats, and chocolate truffle round out this fully packed bouquet. The palate is rich and focused opening with notes of cranberry, currant jam, red velvet cake, and cherry cola, with subtle tones of vanilla and anise. The tannins are velvety and incredibly well integrated, leaving you with just a hint of numbing Szechuan peppercorn. This wine showcases the magic that can happen when blending Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre, becoming much more than the sum of its parts. Drink now through 2030.

WINE PROFILE

GRAPE VARIETY:	42% Syrah, 27% Mourvedre, 22% Grenache, 7% Petite Sirah, 2% Roussanne
APPELLATION:	El Dorado AVA
VINEYARD:	Starfield Estate
VINES:	Planted 2013-2016
ELEVATION & SITE:	2,300-2,400 feet. Grenache and Mourvèdre are planted near the top of the hill, where they bask in the afternoon sun, as does Petite Sirah, which is planted on a south-facing slope just below the lake. Syrah grows on cooler north-facing slopes near the Tasting Room, and Roussanne grows in a cooler section of the vineyard, on a northeast-facing slope.
ALCOHOL:	15.1%
pH:	3.63
ACIDITY g/L:	5.9
CELLARING:	18 months in 30% new French oak, 70% neutral French oak
BOTTLING DATE:	June 2022
PRODUCTION:	602 cases



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