

# QUINTESSA



## A year of affirmation Quintessa 2020

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 season at Quintessa began early with budbreak in late March as the vines responded to a dry winter, followed by a warm spring. Full canopy growth rapidly set the stage for a vintage of small berries with high tannin potential.

Summer delivered a relatively mild June as the vines transitioned to sugar accumulation and then into flavor ripening in the third week of August. Aroma and taste evolved rapidly.

Harvest commenced on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and concluded on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### WINE NOTES

The 2020 Quintessa enters on a core of cassis, black cherry, and currants enveloped by clove spice and savory dried herbs. Layers of structured tannin and the distinct mineral imprint of the Quintessa terroir give way to a structured and polished finish. Balanced and with well-integrated movement, this elegant and complex wine has plenty of life ahead of it – drinking well now and with cellar potential for at least 20 years.

**APPELLATION:**

Rutherford, Napa Valley

**ALCOHOL:**

14.5%

**BOTTLING DATE:**

July 2022

**BARREL AGING:**

22 months

**OAK:**

60% New French Oak

**HARVEST:**

September 3 – September 26, 2020

**VARIETIES:**

87% Cabernet Sauvignon

7% Cabernet Franc

4% Carménère

2% Petit Verdot

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## Notable Recognition Quintessa 2020

*“A muscular wine, leading with tremendous freshness on the palate, restrained red-toned fruit, and very subtle yet elegant cedar wood intermixed with red-rock minerality. Medium to full-bodied... **absolutely one of the more riveting wines of the entire vintage...** seek this out.”*

*98 points*

DECANTER, February 2023

*“Very complex, alluring nose. Luscious. **The first wine I was tempted to swallow!** Great freshness and reserve as well as depth and integrity. Already approachable but it suggests that there will be a long, rather glorious, life too. Silky texture and lots of life here. And the finish is convincing. Lots of ripe tannin underneath the vibrant fruit.”*

*18 points*

JANCIS ROBINSON, April 2023