

## TWENTY BENCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

In the fall of 2000 we purchased 20 tons of exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from a friend's Napa Valley vineyard without a specific plan for the grapes. All we knew at the time was it was great fruit from a trusted friend. Because the particular vineyard did not have a name, one of the cellar hands, who also works from time to time in the vineyards, chose to label the barrels 'Twenty Bench'. The name was chosen to signify the 20 tons of fruit from the gentle rising bench land vineyard from which they were picked.

Setting out to create a Cabernet from California that over-delivers on the quality and price is difficult these days but Twenty Bench remains the stand out. With this 14th vintage of Twenty Bench, Chris and Elijah feel they've got a good idea of what their fans like: bold fruit balanced with mellow tannins and bright acidity. Great enjoying on its own or with a savory dish, Twenty Bench will deliver at a price point that won't break the bank.

The 2014 Twenty Bench Cabernet Sauvignon has beguiling ripe black cherry core, twining with blackberry syrup, a subtle minerality, and the sweet smokiness of charred French oak on the nose. The mouth is creamy and dense, with layered of juicy berries, the darkest of dark chocolates, rich espresso and black pepper. The wine is well-balanced and drinking well in its youth, but would reward the patience of a few year's cellaring with even more complexity and grace.

Enjoy this singular wine with a pan-seared filet mignon au poive, served with buttered green beans and roasted new potatoes.

Composition: 90% Cabernet, 7% Merlot, 3% Malbec

Appellation: North Coast (Napa & Sonoma Valley)

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.91

TA: 5.4 g/L



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