



2020 STRATUM RED WINE

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage began with substantial rainfall in December of 2019, which re-filled our soil's water table and allowed for beneficial mineralization of nutrients throughout the early part of winter. Below average rainfall in the first quarter of 2020, combined with above average temperatures, led to an early budbreak across our four estate vineyards. Despite the low rainfall, and the historically warm spring, summer and fall, we were able to dry farm 68% of our vineyards. The dry and warm year yielded smaller berries showing a high degree of intensity and concentration. This allowed for our earliest harvest dates on record beginning on August 14th and finishing on September 22nd.

TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby swirling in the glass, the bouquet reveals dark cherry, plum and cassis, complemented by notes of violets, cedar and iron. Dark fruit flavors envelop a sanguine mineral core on the palate, framed by fine, supple tannins and a refreshing vibrancy. Balanced and classically poised, the wine shows an intricate, chalky minerality that brings flavor and persistence. Enjoyable in the near-term, the wine will continue to develop over the next 10 years.



ACCOLADES

90 POINTS

ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE

"...understated scents of cassis, balsamic, dried herbs, coffee and meaty tones. ...medium-bodied with restrained, mineral-driven flavors and a refreshing finish."

– Erin Brooks, October 2024

92 POINTS

JEB DUNNUCK

"...fresh with mineral earth, fresh cherry, and red flowers. ...notes of fresh soil, black berry, and a bit of meaty richness, as well as ripe tannins and a clean finish with a savory edge."

– Audrey Frick, July 2024

INFORMATION

Variety	66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot		
Vineyard	77% Nuns Canyon Vineyard, 23% Hamel Family Ranch		
Appellation	Sonoma Valley	Harvest Dates	8.31.20 – 9.19.20
Vintage	2020	Bottling Date	6.27.22
Production	1,987 cases	Alcohol	14.3%
Fermentation	92% stainless steel tanks, 6% concrete tanks, 1% oak tanks		
Aging	12 months in 72% neutral French oak barrels, 9% new French oak casks, and 19% 1-year-old French oak casks, followed by 5 months in concrete tanks		



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2023 ESTATE
SAUVIGNON BLANC
SONOMA VALLEY

93 PTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST

"Aromas of kaffir lime leaf, pineapple, sage, pithy citrus, lemon blossom and candied ginger mingle and dance on the nose of this concrete egg- and neutral-oak-aged wine. The palate brings nervy freshness and minerality that persists with flavors of lime peel and tart pineapple in a framework of generous acidity that vibrates along the finish."

—Tom R. Capo
June/July 2025



2020 STRATUM
RED WINE
SONOMA VALLEY

92 PTS

JEB DUNNUCK

"Composed of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Merlot, the 2020 Stratum is a deep red color and is fresh with mineral earth, fresh cherry, and red flowers. Medium to full-bodied, it offers notes of fresh soil, black berry, and a bit of meaty richness, as well as ripe tannins and a clean finish with a savory edge. Drink 2023–2030."

— Audrey Frick
July 2024



2019 ISTHMUS
RED WINE
SONOMA VALLEY

96 PTS

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"It has a deep ruby color and a nose that is bursting with Morello cherries, baked blueberries, charcuterie, fried savory herbs and peppercorn—complex yet open for business. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is concentrated and oral with persistent acidity, silty tannins and fragrant violet and graphite nuances on the long finish."

— Erin Brooks
March 2023



2019 NUNS
CANYON VINEYARD
SONOMA VALLEY

97 PTS

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"Deep ruby, it offers generous waves of floral perfume—violet and lilac—with a core of blueberry and black cherry jam and wafts of tobacco, pepper, and graphite. The full-bodied palate embodies power and weightlessness, with ultra powdery tannins and refreshing acidity that draws out its fragrance. Its flavors are pure yet complex, and it finishes with haunting iron and violet character."

— Erin Brooks
March 2023