



# 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		



## CURRENT RELEASES

# CRITICAL ACCLAM



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 HAMEL  
FAMILY RANCH  
SONOMA VALLEY

96  
PTS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

"...Expressive and pure, with fruity aromatics of redcurrant, fresh flowers, spices, and cedar. This full-bodied red is light on its feet, with notes of kirsch, soft, gravelly stones, and fresh herbs as well as fine tannins and good, fresh acidity. It's drinking beautifully now or can be enjoyed over the next 10 or more years."

— Audrey Frick  
July 2023



2019 NUNS  
CANYON VINEYARD  
SONOMA VALLEY

95  
PTS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

"I love its layered aromas of red and black fruit, fresh wild herbs, and lifted graphitic earth. Full-bodied without weight, it has great structure, with loads of rocky earth, black cherry, black raspberry, and savory herbs, as well as notes of olive on the finish. I love this wine for aging another couple of years and to drink over the following 15."

— Audrey Frick  
July 2023