

THE VICE

Batch #88 "The Tiger"

MERLOT,
SINGLE VINEYARD
CARNEROS,
2020

Lucky could have been the name of this batch. Lucky that we harvested it early not knowing of historic wildfires ahead. Lucky that we were able to crush, ferment and age it in 7 French Oak barrels for 13 months to release it for Lunar New Year 2022 "Year of The Tiger". Lucky you!

2020 VINTAGE

A perfect and stellar growing season from March to July was responsible for the best Merlot grapes we could wish for. A historic heatwave in August rushed us to harvest early September and saved us from the smoky sky that blanketed Napa from the historic wildfires.

VINEYARD

California Certified Organic Farming.

Cared for by hand, the vineyard is located a stone throw from Napa river and close proximity to San Pablo Bay.

Very cool micro-climate thanks to its daily fog, temperature here rarely exceed 85F. Abundant underground water with the perfect amount of Californian sun.

TASTING NOTES

Strawberry jam pops on the nose with opulent aromas of roasted plums and maraschino cherries. Flavors of the same warm up the soft palate, and finish it off with pomegranate, red cherry paste and Asian spice.

- 100% Unfiltered and Un-fined Merlot.
- 13 months of aging in 7 French Oak barrels (**3 new*)
- Sustainably grown fruit with minimal winemaking intervention