

STEELE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

VINEYARDS

The Red Hills appellation in Lake County is a fairly new AVA (American Viticultural Area). The iron-rich, red soil of Red Hills is laden with obsidian, a glassy black volcanic rock that glistens in the afternoon sun. Well known Napa Valley grape grower Andy Beckstoffer bought up a piece of the Red Hills AVA, planting it in Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals. We have been receiving clone 6 and clone 37 grapes from this vineyard since 2002.

WINE STYLE & TASTING NOTE

The grapes are pressed to stainless steel tank and undergo 2-3 week fermentation with an extended maceration to extract every ounce of flavor. This wine is then laid down in French oak barrels to age for a year. This wine has a rich, fruit-forward elegance. A spicy fruit and berry core, backed up by soft tannins, makes it a nice glass of wine for casual sipping among friends.

FOOD PAIRINGS

This classic Cabernet Sauvignon will pair wonderfully with any red meat. Try it with a spice-rubbed rib eye steak or rack of lamb.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION Lake County, CA ALCOHOL 15.3% pH 3.74 TA 0.53g/100mL RS 0.10g/L BARREL AGING 12 months in French oak PRODUCTION 4500 cases

