

# Cycles GLADIATOR



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## 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** California (58% Paso Robles, 42% Lodi)

**Varietal:** (78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot)

**Alcohol:** 14.5%    **TA:** 0.56    **pH:** 3.75

**Oak Aging:** 15% in one-year-old American and French barrels for 15 months. Balance in neutral barrels.

**Winemaking Notes:** The 2020 California vintage posed a few challenges, not the least of which were the fires that affected much of the state. However, our vineyards were lucky enough to be spared from any smoke exposure and so yielded some wonderfully dense and expressive wines. Harvest commenced late in September for the grapes in this blend and finished up two weeks into October.

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of blackberry and raspberry are accompanied by notes of fragrant lilac and vanilla. Rich and expressive from first sip, this is a food friendly Cabernet Sauvignon that bursts with flavors of juicy plum, black cherry and strawberry, along with a hint of sweet baking spices.

Cycles Gladiator was founded in 2005 with the mission to create high quality, affordable wines that honor the iconic artwork on the label by empowering and inspiring women. Proudly sourced from some of California's top winegrowing regions, award-winning winemaker Adam LaZarre crafts each wine with passion and care from grape to glass.

