



Cycles Gladiator: California Pinot Noir

The 2020 vintage began with a moderate spring and early summer conditions that helped strengthen vine health. Record heat spikes in August and September contributed to an earlier than average harvest, with fruit developing fantastic depth of flavor, aromatic complexity and vibrant acidity.

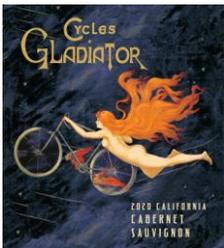
Fragrant scents of red cherry and plum lead into fresh, bright flavors of strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate, backed by hints of star anise and clove. The soft tannins and balanced acidity provide structure and a lush, velvety texture.



Cycles Gladiator: California Chardonnay

The 2020 vintage saw an early harvest with smaller-than-average crop. All grapes were taken directly to press as whole clusters, gently pressed into tanks, cold-settled, racked as clean juice, and fermented over a two-month period at very cool temperatures. Once primary fermentation completed, the lot from San Juan Creek went through a complete secondary fermentation to add a rich, buttery component.

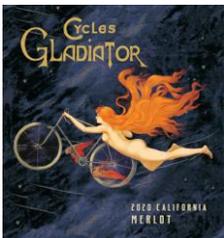
The golden color in the glass hints at the bright scents of stone fruit and yellow apple, underscored by rich, toasted oak. Ripe, round flavors of pineapple and mango are complimented by notes of vanilla and butter.



Cycles Gladiator: California Cabernet

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.

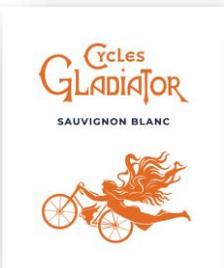
Aromas of blackberry and raspberry are accompanied by notes of fragrant lilac and vanilla. Rich and expressive from first sip, this is a food friendly Cabernet Sauvignon that bursts with flavors of juicy plum, black cherry and strawberry, along with a hint of sweet baking spices.



Cycles Gladiator: California Merlot

After a dry winter, the 2020 growing season began with mild spring temperatures. Heat spikes in the late summer contributed to hotter than average conditions throughout the state. Harvest commenced about three weeks early for the grapes in this blend and finished up in mid-October, with yields approx. 30% lower than usual. Overall, there has been excellent, intense flavor concentration in the 2020 fruit, particularly from Paso Robles.

Aromas of black cherry and cassis lead into big, rich flavors of plum, blackberry and dark chocolate. Firm tannins are balanced by a bright acidity and smooth texture. Pair this Merlot with burgers, barbecue and any pastas with a strong red sauce or pesto.



Cycles Gladiator: California Sauvignon Blanc

Aged sur lie for seven months in stainless steel

A rich, classic Sauvignon Blanc that delivers aromas of guava, tangerine and cantaloupe, leading into fresh notes of nectarine, pink grapefruit and orange zest. The full sur lie character is balanced by a refreshing, mouthwatering acidity that carries through to the flavorful, lingering finish.