

# THE MCNAB

BY

**BONTERRA**  
ORGANIC ESTATES.

## 2020 VINTAGE, SINGLE VINEYARD COLLECTION

Mendocino County | The McNab Ranch Vineyard

WINE ENTHUSIAST

94  
POINTS

CELLAR  
SELECTION



DENSITY	600-1200 Vines/Acre
AGE OF VINES	15-40 Years
APPELLATION	Mendocino County
VINEYARD	McNab Ranch Vineyard
VARIETAL CONTENT	
CABERNET SAUVIGNON	80%
PETITE SIRAH	20%
CASES PRODUCED	2,000
ALCOHOL	14.2%
TA G/100ML	6
PH	3.65

### VINEYARD NOTES

McNab Ranch is the agricultural heart of Bonterra Organic Estate's Mendocino County vineyards. Named for McNab Creek, a tributary of the Russian River and steelhead spawning ground, this 371-acre property was transformed from a sheep farm to a thriving vineyard ecosystem. It has been certified biodynamic since 1996. The McNab single-vineyard bottling assembles the best reds from this historic site into a Cabernet Sauvignon-driven blend.

### HARVEST NOTES

Winter was relatively dry, only bringing about half the amount of rain of an average season. Spring did experience more frost days than a typical season, but with a mild to moderate overall temperatures, bud break and flowering occurred about a week earlier than 2019. Many varietals had lower than normal yields. August and September were warm, bringing a few heat spikes into the region which sped up harvest by several weeks compared to the average harvest season. Smaller than normal berry size resulted in increased phenolic content and concentration of flavors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit for this blend was harvested by hand at optimal ripeness over several weeks. Select vineyard blocks and varieties were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks for 10 to 14 days, with only the finest lots selected for this cuvée. The wine aged for 14 months in 25% percent new French oak barrels with a medium toast, before the final blend was assembled.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 McNab delivers wonderful complexity and elegance, with round, full fruit and age-worthy structure. The nose offers a basket of sweet purple, blue and black berries scented with vanilla bean and a touch of summer bramble. The palate bursts with blue fruit and plums braided with fragrant mocha, cedar, cloves, pepper, savory herbs and pencil lead. Tightly-woven oak tannins support the wine through its long finish of mint tea and black fruits.

