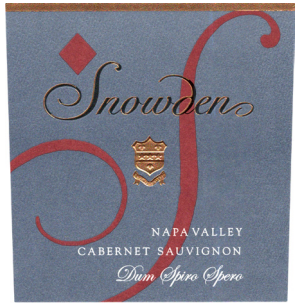

Snowden

Cabernet Sauvignon, Dum Spiro Spero, 2020

VINEYARDS

"Dum Spiro Spero" -While I Breathe I Hope- is the Snowden family motto, which has appeared on every label and every cork since Snowden was founded 30 years ago. The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is being used to mark a unique Cuvée from a unique growing year, when winemaker Diana Snowden Seysses combined the Cabernet Sauvignon which would normally have gone into the Brothers and Los Ricos vineyard designates, with the Cabernet Franc from the Melchior Kemper block. Diana loved the small clusters and small berries of 2020, and describes the wine as having spectacular concentration.

WINEMAKING

2020 began with a warm, dry winter, and had a rainy and cold weather towards the end of March. Through summer and early fall, the mornings were very cool, with warm days. Low seasonal rain created small berries and small clusters. The fires began on August 17th and September 27th. Harvest took place between those two events.

Grapes were hand harvested from September 9th to September 20th. Fermented using only wild, native yeasts, then the wine was aged for 18 months in 50% new French oak barrels. Becaue of the unique harvest season, there was rigorous lab testing of the wine this year. Bottled unfined on April 25th, 2022.

Grapes Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc

Winemaker Diana Snowden-Seysses

Region Napa Valley

Soils Rhyolite (volcanic) sand

Aging 18 months in oak

Alcohol 14.5%

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