



WINE

- ◆ 2020
- ◆ 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- ◆ Mt. Veeder AVA
- ◆ Picked on September 15th
- ◆ Aged 22 months in French Oak using 25% new barrels
- ◆ 13.8% Alcohol by Volume
- ◆ 3.48 pH
- ◆ 175 cases crafted
- ◆ Baskerville typeface by John Baskerville circa 1758

VINEYARD

¶ Formerly known as “Hillwalker” we renamed our wine from this vineyard to honor Mt. Veeder conservationists Drs. Archer Taylor and Hasseltine Byrd who turned 399 acres of nearby redwoods into a permanent preserve.

Archer & Byrd is a prototypical Mt. Veeder vineyard at 1,020 feet, complete with south-facing slope and broken blue shale soils scraped from the Pacific Ocean floor some 140 million (ish) years ago. The vineyard is dry-farmed, organically grown, non-hedged and becoming adapted to biodynamically-styled teas. This combination of non-intervention farming and ancient soils amplifies the terroir, pushing forward the signature Mt. Veeder violet and iris aromatic. The subtle, barely there-Boutes Grand Reserve barrels lift and support the taut, vivid, and up-righted mouthfeel and properly frame the blue fruit, black olive, and fine herb flavors. Long, precise and a bit chiseled.

PROMISE

¶ Terroir, in its most broadly defined sense, is a summation of the differences that exist between unique vineyards. The fine-wine ambition that drives Pilcrow makes the clear expression of terroir an absolute and an ideal. Understandably then, we refrain from using any modern winemaking techniques—like extended maceration, micro-oxygenation, residual sugar, heavy oak., etc.—that tend to homogenize the subtle differences of site. We also avoid careless winemaking—like spoilage yeasts, volatile acidity, oxidation, etc.—for the very same reasons.

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