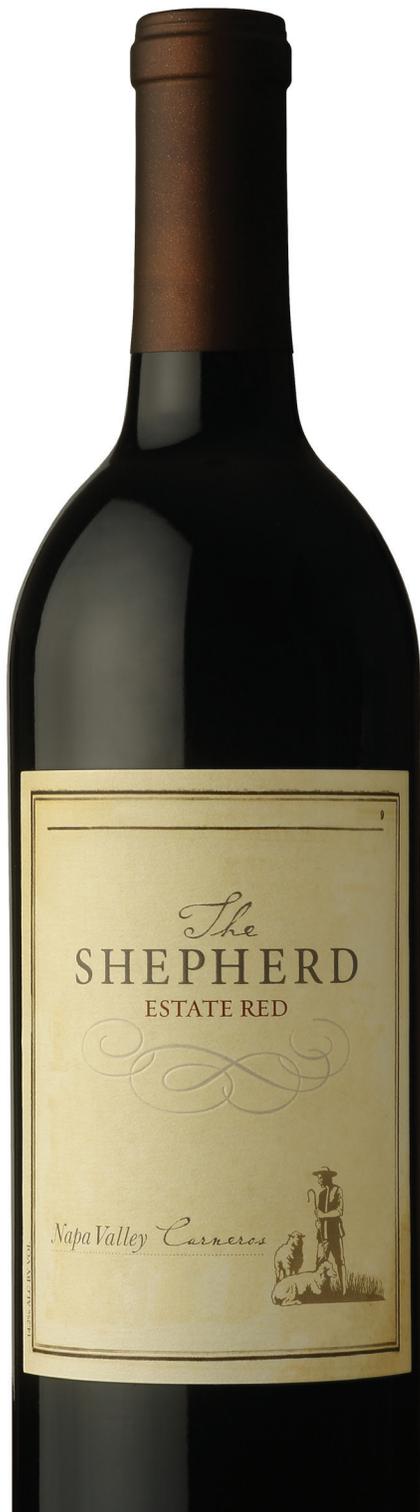


The SHEPHERD

2020 ESTATE RED



The Wine: The Truchard have been farming land in Carneros for over 40 years. This wine is a reflection of times past when Carneros (Spanish for “Ram or Sheep) was primarily pasture lands and wines were made in a field blend. This estate red is a compilation of varieties that truly expresses the diversity of soils and climates found on the vineyard.

Vintage: 2020 was a very interesting year in the vineyards. Bud break was normal, but a cold and dry winter combined with unsettled spring weather affected berry set and led to below average yields. Normal conditions throughout summer allowed the light crop to easily ripen. The dual challenges of the pandemic and wildfires during harvest made picking decisions very difficult. Despite these hardships, the wines of 2020 are big, bold, and full of flavor.

Harvest: Sept. 20 & 25; Oct. 18 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.57 pH • 6.2 g/L TA

Winemaking: The Estate Red is a blend of Syrah, Zinfandel, and Tempranillo. These grapes were sourced from distinctly different sections of our Estate Vineyard. Each wine was vinified separately and aged for 10 months in French Oak barrels (30% new). Syrah was chosen for structure, Zinfandel contributes bright fruit flavors, and Tempranillo adds a unique spicy element. Combined, these varietals produce a playful, easy drinking red that is both fruity and complex. This wine was bottled in August of 2021.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.70 pH • 5.9 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: An intense nose of floral blueberry, ripe plum and cassis with a touch of vanilla and cedar. The mouth is filled with juicy flavors of boysenberry, red currants, and cherry jam. Round, ripe tannins provide an opulent finish of red fruit and spice.

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Cases Produced: 450 cases

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