

2017 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

NAPA VALLEY “BORDEAUX” BLEND

Winemaking can be magic when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That's why we created Andronicus, a perfect blend of the five Bordeaux varietals that together form a dynamic wine and remarkable value. Young vine fruit from our Estate varietals form the backbone of this vivacious wine. Bright, crisp, Merlot from the hills south of Napa add herbed cherry fruit note and silky texture, red currant spiced Malbec from Atlas Peak provides aromatic lift, and the Petite Verdot from the eastern foothills gives the wine a dark spice in the finish. It's an ideal Napa Valley blend for both the wine connoisseur and novice alike.



APPELLATION: Napa Valley | **WINEMAKER:** Stephen Cruzan
BOTTLED: August 2019 | **BARREL AGING:** 22 months in barrel

BLEND:

56% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Cabernet Franc
10% Malbec
10% Petite Sirah
6% Petit Verdot

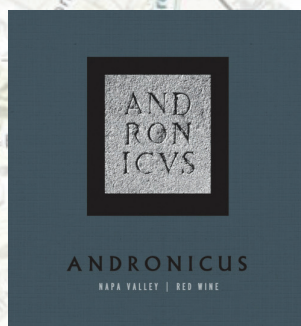
ALCOHOL: 15.1% **ACIDITY:** 5.9 g/L **PH:** 3.83

VINTAGE

- Despite record rainfalls during the Winter the rain stopped early and budbreak began on time with a full water table and sunny skies through the majority of April.
- May and June brought even weather with good recovery periods after typical heat spells. This led to even flowering and fruit set with a balanced crop hanging on the vines.
- After veraison the region was hit with hotter than normal temperatures during Labor Day Weekend. Judicious fruit dropping after the heat led to a smaller than average crop that ripened evenly and quickly. Harvest for red varietals commenced in the second week of September through early October.

WINE PROFILE

The 2017 Andronicus is a vivacious wine that shows off the spirit of the classic “Bordeaux Blend.” The wine exhibits aromas of red currant, spice, sage and vanilla custard. Rich with Cabernet Sauvignon the 2017 blend brings out a deep and characteristic mouthfeel. It shows flavors of plum, brandied cherries, fig and Asian five spice while the finish is rounded out with hints of coco power and mocha. The tannins are smooth and round while the acidity keeps the wine bright on the palate making this blend of mostly Bordeaux varieties delicious on release. Enjoy now through 2025.



2018 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

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APPELLATION: Napa Valley | **WINEMAKER:** Stephen Cruzan
BOTTLED: April 2020 | **BARREL AGING:** 19 months in barrel

BLEND:
29% Merlot
26% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Malbec
10% Petit Verdot
10% Petite Sirah
5% Cabernet Franc

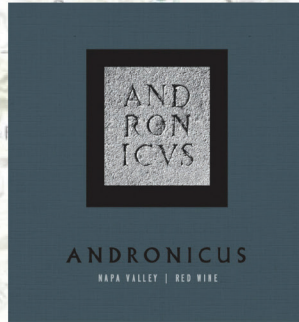
VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season returned to low-rainfall conditions, with two thirds the normal precipitation for the St Helena area. Fortunately, ample rainfall came in March and April recharged the soil and pushed off budbreak a couple of weeks.

Bloom occurred just a little behind schedule, in late May and early June, but resulted in full cluster formation. Moderate temperatures during the summer growing season kept the vines stress-free and resulted in plump berries and full clusters.

WINE PROFILE

The 2018 Andronicus is a wine that well represents the Bordeaux Blend profile that this program exemplifies. Aromatics of concentrated raspberry, chocolate dust and crushed flower petal are followed by a flavor profile of spiced fruit, raspberry compote and hints of vanilla and crème brûlée. As is customary, the concentrated mid-palate and round tannins make this wine delicious upon release, while giving it the ageability one would expect from a fine Napa Valley blend.



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APPELLATION: Napa Valley | WINEMAKER: Stephen Cruzan
BOTTLED: Mar 9 & 10, 2021 | BARREL AGING: 19 months in barrel

BLEND:

46% Cabernet Sauvignon
23% Malbec
10% Cabernet Franc
9% Merlot
7% Petit Verdot
5% Petite Sirah

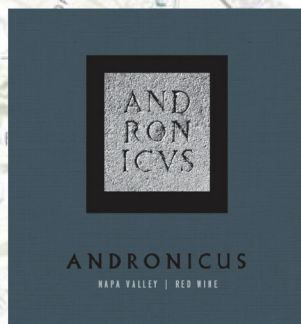


VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season began with ample January rains that continued through the Winter months. Lower than average temperatures as we moved into Spring pushed bud break off a week or two from the normal window. Unseasonable rains moved in the month of May, which did not affect fruit set due to the delay in flowering. At this point the soil moisture was ideal going into the long summer growing season. • Mild to warm growing conditions throughout June and July allowed the soil to gradually dry and kept the plants in stress free leading up to and through veraison. A warm August helped the ample crop move along toward maturity, with September providing ideal conditions for extended hang time to develop color and flavor. Similar to 2018, the majority of the red grape harvest was in October.

WINE PROFILE

The 2019 Andronicus is blended heavily with Cabernet Sauvignon and the power and grace of the Cabernet shows through in the finished wine. The aromas are evocative, concentrated and packed with dark cherry, red plum, spices, roast coffee, and mocha. The palate is mouth filling, rich and has notes of blackberry, cherry cola, fruit leather, Asian five spice and coco powder throughout. The well-developed tannins round out the texture of the wine and leaves you with essences of vanilla and espresso as it fades. Enjoy through 2027.



2020 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

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APPELLATION: Napa Valley | **WINEMAKER:** Stephen Cruzan
BOTTLED: May 2022 | **BARREL AGING:** 19 months in barrel

BLEND:

50% Cabernet Sauvignon
28% Merlot
18% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot



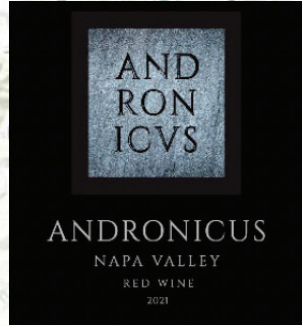
VINTAGE

The 2020 season began with late season rains and cool temperatures, which meant for a slightly later Spring with bud break occurring in the third week of March. Even weather throughout the Spring allowed the soils to dry out and flowering to occur unabated with balanced berry set happening across all varieties. June and July provided ideal weather to help the vines catch up a bit and proceed into veraison in early August. The heat of late Summer allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties.

The mid-September through October harvest dates for our blend allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated, and retain its natural acidity. Post veraison fruit thinning resulted in an ample, balanced crop. The moderate temperatures and sizable crop load led to slow, even ripening that lasted through a warm October and even into November. The combination of fruit quality and quantity for the 2018 vintage is unsurpassed in local viticultural history.

WINE PROFILE

The 2020 Andronicus is a beautiful expression of the Napa Valley and the classic wines it produces. The aromas are bright and packed with cherry, plum, red currant, and fig with hints of bay. The palate is smooth, round and has notes of dark cherry, roast coffee, crème de cassis, fall spice and anise throughout. The fine-grained tannins round out the texture of the wine and leave you with essences of vanilla and coffee. Enjoy through 2027.



2022 ANDRONICUS

NAPA COUNTY “BORDEAUX” BLEND

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APPELLATION: Napa Valley | **WINEMAKER:** Stephen Cruzan
BOTTLED: March 2024 | **BARREL AGING:** 20 months in barrel

BLEND:

41% Cabernet Sauvignon
22% Malbec, 12% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc,
9% Petite Sirah, 6% Petit Verdot

VINTAGE

- Lower than average late winter rainfall in 2022 continued drought like conditions that encouraged bud break and an early start to the growing season. A sunny and warm Spring encouraged early canopy growth and flowering on schedule, that made for balanced berry set and a good-sized crop across all varieties.
- Summer conditions were near idyllic, and June and July were warm without being overly hot, that proceeded into veraison in late July and early August.

WINE PROFILE

The 2022 Andronicus is a round and welcoming wine that embodies the spirit of a classic “Bordeaux Blend.” The wine is ruby in color with charming aromas of cherry, plum, coffee, rose, oolong tea and bay. The polished, smooth entry gives the wine depth through the palate on tannins that are pleasant and not overwhelming. Chocolate, coffee and integrating herbs meld with red cherry and pomegranate leading to a juicy finish.