

2019 Dearden 'The Little Giant' Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

Lamonica

WINEMAKER: Chris Dearden

AGING:

26 Months, French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.6%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Slow-Braised Beef Entrees

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051961 | \$114.95

DESCRIPTION:

Owner-Wine Maker Chris Dearden had his first introduction to wine with family around their dinner table. Chris was raised in California's Central Valley, where he developed a passion for agriculture. Over the years Chris has worn many hats, including winemaker, general manager, and consulting winemaker for many small wineries throughout Napa Valley. In 2010 Chris achieved his lifelong dream, to establish Dearden Wine Portfolio. These wines include his flagship wines, 'Sleeping Giant' Cabernet Sauvignon, 'Little Giant' Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as his only Pinot Noir named Argus.

TASTING NOTES:

"This 100%, single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from the Lamonica Vineyard in the rugged, arid, and rocky, eastern hills of Napa. Designated in 2013, this is the 7th release of Lamonica Cab – one of the finest wines we produce, year after year. Small berries and concentrated flavors are key to the production of a wine with depth, texture, black fruits, age-ability, and integrity. It is full throttle, Napa Valley Cab with balance, structure, and mouth-filling satisfaction."

Chris Dearden, Winemaker/Owner





2020 Dragonette 'Seven' Syrah

APPELLATION:

Santa Barbara, California

VARIETALS:

96% Syrah, 4% Grenache

WINEMAKER:

Steven Dragonette

AGING:

17 Months, French Oak

ALCOHOL:

BEST FROM:

14.5%

14.57

2024 through 2030

ACCOLADES:

96 pts – Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Baked Barbecue Baby Back Ribs

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051916 | \$69.95

DESCRIPTION:

Brothers John and Steve Dragonette and close friend Brandon Sparks-Gillis founded Dragonette Cellars in 2005 after having worked together at a renowned wine shop in Los Angeles. Their shared passion for great wine brought them to wild, windy, and remote northern Santa Barbara County where they spent the next several years seeking out extraordinary, cool-climate vine-yards and dedicating themselves to careful, patient, minimalist winemaking.

TASTING NOTES:

"The 2020 Syrah 'Seven' comes from fruit in Ballard Canyon and the Sta. Rita Hills. It was made without whole clusters or much new oak and matured for 17 months. It has great purity on the nose but takes significant time to open its blackcurrant, blueberry, violet, and tea leaf aromas. The medium-bodied palate sits at a fulcrum between lean and ripe styles, offering concentrated flavors on a slender frame, and plenty of refreshing acidity. Give it a couple of years in the bottle or a long decant. 550 cases produced." – Wine Advocate





2020 Lewis Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER:

 $James\ McCeney$

AGING:

21 Months French Oak, 65% New

ALCOHOL:

BEST FROM:

15.5%

13.57

2024 through 2031

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Beef or Lamb dishes -or- Mature or Hard Cheeses

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1050638 | \$119.95

DESCRIPTION:

In 1992 Randy and Debbie Lewis established a small family winery in Napa Valley and in 1999 were joined by their son, Dennis. Lewis Cellars is a hands-on winery in every aspect of the business, including vineyard management, winemaking, and sales distribution. Lewis Cellars produces 9,000 cases annually of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2020 Lewis Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is among one the best Cabernets from this vintage. Offering enticing, deep-fruited aromas of black currant, berry, and chocolate with just a note of cedar and savory spice. The palate centers on opulent core fruit that swirls around a defined structure of supple tannins with complex undertones of earth and truffle that last throughout the glass.

