

Renteria

2000 Cabernet Sauvignon
Q Hill Vineyard
Wooden Valley, Napa Valley

Vineyard

Q Hill Vineyard was planted in 1975 on a 40% slope (think double black diamond) by Salvador Renteria in the volcanic soils of Wooden Valley. One of the few remaining vineyards in Napa County planted on AxR-1 rootstock, the vines are extremely low yielding, usually bearing less than a half ton per acre, or 3-5 clusters of small berries per vine. Known as Napa Valley's outpost, Wooden Valley's growing season is identical to the Oakville Appellation with warm days and rapidly cooling nights.

Winemaking

Q Hill was harvested on September 20. The must was inoculated 3 days later. After 8 days of fermentation the wine was left on the skins to macerate for another 18 days enriching the flavor and integrating the tannins. The wine was aged for 22 months in 50% new French Oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Q Hill has produced Cabernet Sauvignon of exceptional intensity for almost 25 years. The rich extract, concentration and deep tannic texture are the result of low yields and hillside location. Powerful black fruits such as black cherry, plum and cassis are layered with leather, spice and firm structure.

Statistics

Composition	96.7% Q Hill Vineyard, Wooden Valley 3.3% Brenda's Vineyard, Stag's Leap District
Alcohol	14.1%
Production	546
Winemaker	Karen Culler

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