



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2020 LUCERO SYRAH

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Syrah
PRODUCTION	220 cases, organic
ALCOHOL	13.5 %
RELEASE DATE	April 2022
TYPE OF OAK	French Oak Barrel
MONTHS IN OAK	14 Months
RATING	96 pts, La Cav

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

2020 brought a year of unprecedented challenges across the globe. Making good wine relies on planning and precision, two luxuries that we were not afforded in a time of such uncertainty. However, a bit of serendipity allowed us to move forward with wine production even as the world shut down, and we ended up with an assortment of vintages as varied and complex as the year itself.

In a spot of good fortune, 2020's unexpectedly warm climate resulted in an early harvest: all of our grapes were in the winery by March 23rd, just about a week after the reality of the pandemic came to a head across the globe. Then, the agricultural exemption we received from the government allowed us to continue wine making operations even while the country was under strict lockdowns. Those employees who were allowed to travel to the winery from their homes were warriors in seeing the wine making process to completion.

Like the 2020 Sauvignon Blanc varietal, the 2020 Lucero Syrah benefitted from the warmer year. While the Syrah varietal is always the last to be picked at Kingston, warmer temperatures ensured the grapes ripened more quickly and were ready to be harvested by the end of the season. The 2020 Lucero is more fruit-forward and less herbaceous than in past years, while still maintaining its spiciness. Notes of black pepper and pink peppercorn complement essences of blueberry, blackberry, and cherry.

While many Syrahs tend to be thinner and can be hard to bring to full potential, the whole cluster fermentation process helps lend more balance and texture to the Lucero Syrah, resulting in a more structured and complex wine. This wine is fruity, soft, and round in the mouth.

Pairs well with peppered steak, barbeque meat, and roasted eggplants.