

# LAVA CAP WINERY



## 2020 BARBERA

### ABOUT LAVA CAP

Founded in 1981, Lava Cap Winery is a third generation family farm, located in the Sierra Foothills, at an elevation of 2,700ft. The winery and Estate Vineyards are located on a unique outcropping of volcanic soil, the inspiration for the wineries name. The result of elevation and distinct soils are wines that erupt with flavor.

### VINEYARD NOTES

Planted on North-West facing hillside that opens to the vast American River canyon on the lower portion of Lava Cap's Estate vineyards, the Barbera is grown on one of our steepest and rockiest hillsides. The location receives ample warm afternoon sunlight, while reliable evening breezes from high in the Sierra Nevada cool the site. The rocky substrate helps rein in vigor, while concentrating the production of color and flavor. The combination of these environmental factors leads to a Barbera that showcases remarkable concentration of both color and aromas, without sacrificing this grapes signature acidity and brightness. A wonderful accompaniment to dinner, or on its own.

2020 was a warm growing season, with most days reaching the high 80's and low 90's. This led to ample concentration and richness in the 2020 vintage, without losing Barbera's signature acidity.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Barbera, a grape native to the rolling hills of Northern Italy, thrives in the Sierra Foothills, and particularly on our volcanic soil at our elevation of 2,700ft. The combination of warm days, cool nights, and rocky, steep hillsides allow us to make a rich, yet elegant wine that showcases notes of vanilla, cherry, and earth. Juicy, bright berry flavors fill the rich full-bodied mouth. Light tannins allow for a long soft finish.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September, 2020

Vineyard: Lava Cap

Elevation: 2,600'

Aging: 24 Months in 2nd fill 100% Francois Freres French Oak

Cases Produced: 2000