Dalla Valle

Displaying resilience and finesse, Collina 2020 is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and a touch of Petit Verdot, offering depth, complexity, and a seamless texture.

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California, USA

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition:

Region and Vineyards

The **2020 growing season** at Dalla Valle's estate in Napa Valley began with dry conditions and a warm spring that initiated early budbreak and vigorous growth. The **summer's cool evenings** balanced the daytime warmth, leading to optimal ripening. By August, accelerated ripening prompted an early harvest, ensuring fruit with exceptional concentration and ripeness.

Sourced from younger vines on the estate, Collina benefits from Napa Valley's unique terroir, where well-draining soils and a warm, Mediterranean climate contribute to rich, vibrant fruit flavors and a refreshing acidity. The balanced climate of Oakville, Napa's premier AVA, is ideal for Bordeaux varietals, allowing the vines to thrive and develop complexity.

Winemaking

The **2020 Collina** blend consists of **equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc**, with a dash of **Petit Verdot**. This precise combination brings together the floral character and spice of Cabernet Franc, the structure of Cabernet Sauvignon, and the depth of Petit Verdot. Aging took place in French oak, which added a refined touch, smoothing the texture and harmonizing the blend's diverse aromatics.

The wine's approachable style is underscored by Dalla Valle's commitment to meticulous winemaking, resulting in a blend with both finesse and a prolonged, integrated finish.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with a vibrant rim.
- **Aroma**: Floral notes of violet and cedar mix with hints of pine needles and ripe boysenberries, offering a fresh and layered bouquet.
- **Palate**: Silky and well-rounded, with flavors of plush dark berries and subtle spice. The finish is smooth, leaving a lasting impression of balanced fruit and floral nuances.

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Did you know?

The **2020 vintage** was a testament to the resilience of the Dalla Valle team, who overcame challenging conditions to produce a wine of remarkable quality and elegance. Collina 2020 reflects both the estate's dedication to their craft and the strength of the vineyard's young vines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised Short Ribs with Rosemary**: The wine's dark fruit and floral notes balance the rich flavors of the braised meat and aromatic rosemary.
- **Wild Mushroom Tagliatelle**: The earthy mushrooms enhance the wine's depth and complement its smooth tannins.
- **Roast Chicken with Herbs de Provence**: The wine's floral and cedar notes complement the savory herbs, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese**: The nutty, slightly sharp profile of Manchego balances the wine's richness, highlighting its complex flavors.

90 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 90 Points (2020)

The 2020 Collina is solid and unquestionably worth your time and money. Based on 50% Cabernet Franc, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Petit Verdot, it has solid cassis and darker currant-like fruits as well as some earthy, smoky, and chocolaty nuances. Medium to full-bodied, it offers solid tannins, good balance, and a great finish. (02/2023)

89 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 89 Points (2020)

The 2020 Collina Dalla Valle is soft, fruity and very easy to like. Bright red-toned fruit, spice, cedar, mint and tobacco are front and center. This Cabernet Franc-based red offers quite a bit of allure. I would prefer to drink it over the next few years. It's a fine effort, especially for the vintage.