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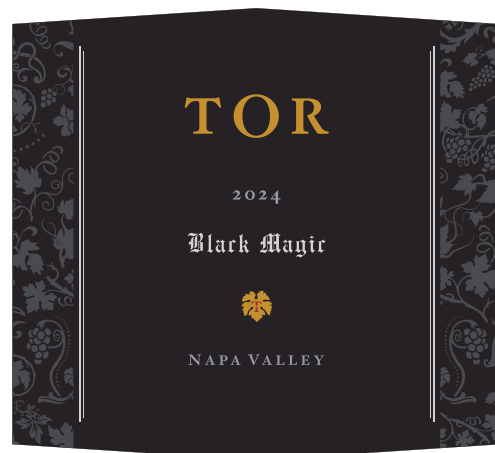
BLACK MAGIC

2024

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES The 2024 *Black Magic* exudes intensity and freshness at the same time. The nose is all black and blue fruits with tons of ripe blackberry, blueberry compote, earl grey tea, and brisket bark. The palette is absolutely seamless and exhibits more of the black fruits, along with a touch of cardamom, dark chocolate and plum, with a finish that seems to go on for minutes. This strikes me as a wine that will be drinkable upon release, but will also age and evolve into something new and delicious every time it is tasted.

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VINTAGE 2024 shoots pushed in early spring with vigor due to excellent groundwater and warm conditions, forming healthy canopies. Before veraison, in June and into July, Napa experienced two short heat spikes which accelerated ripening. It was an early start for the vineyards, and an early harvest for the winemakers, a bit fast and furious toward the end, but overall one we all fondly look back on as special. The wines have great color, extract, layers of flavor, excellent #s (PH/TA/dry extract/etc.). 2024 is reminiscent of some of the great vintages of the past like 1987 and 1991, that have aged extremely well.



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TOR'S NOTE Real magic cannot be explained or reasoned. It is astonishing and challenges our imagination. It is in this wine. It is black as a moonless Napa Valley night, and limitless on the palate, a magic trick only the great wines master. It is born from a rigid barrel selection, is very limited, and is not made every year- only when it chooses to appear. As winemakers, we can coax it to emerge from the barrel, but it appears only when it is ready. For *Black Magic* you need not, should not, know more.

