

## 2019 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This classically rich Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is red burgundy in color with aromas of black cherry and creamy vanilla, followed by blueberry, blackberry, cherry cola, and grilled meat. On the palate, this Cabernet Sauvignon is seamless and elegant with silky tannins, intense flavors of cherry and floral notes, and a hint of burnt sugar and roasted nuts. Drink now or age 10 or more years.

## HARVEST & WINEMAKING

The 2019 vintage was an excellent vintage with tonnage levels close to average. The year began with heavy rains in winter, followed by a few spring showers. Summer weather was moderate and ideal. Outside of anticipated heat spikes in August and September, conditions during harvest were also mild and lovely. As a result, hang times were long enough to achieve perfect phenolic ripeness while maintaining color and acidity. The 2019 vintage is high quality, with a signature of freshness, generosity of fruit, and lush tannins.

The greatest wines begin in the vineyard. We know our estate fruit intimately and work closely with our growers. Our goal is individual vine balance for perfect ripening of each cluster. At harvest time, any compromised clusters were left on the vine. The fruit was hand-picked and berries were hand-sorted before and after the destemmer. The juice went through a 1-3-day cold-soak to settle the solids before inoculation with a unique French yeast strain. Pump-overs were executed daily to fine-tune and extract the rich color and tannins from the skins. After fermentation, the wine was moved to barrel to initiate malolactic fermentation in French oak and was racked 2-3 times before bottling and extended aging.

## **GRAPES**

The majority of the fruit for the 2019 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our Rutherford Estate vineyards: Sequoia Grove and Tonella. The remaining grapes are from our small selection of esteemed growers across the valley whom we have been working with for decades. These vineyards include: Stagecoach, Morisoli, Lamoreaux, Frediani, Hyde, Johnson, Ithaca, Usibelli, and Christian.

## WINE STATS

Cases produced: 25,943 Alcohol: 14.9% TA: 5.8 g/L pH: 3.81

Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 1%

Petit Verdot, 1% Syrah, 1% Grenache

Appellation: Napa Valley

Oak: Aged 20 months in French Oak, 50% new

Bottled: Summer 2021