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# *Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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**2019**

In 2019, we harvested 25 individual blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon from 16 separate vineyard sites. While most of these grapes went into our many single-vineyard or single-appellation Cabernet Sauvignons, we realized that the stacks of barrels in our caves presented a golden opportunity for us to make a Cabernet Sauvignon which celebrates the Napa Valley.

The Napa Valley is a mosaic of terroirs, with hundreds of different soil types layered underneath the benchlands, alluvial fans, and hillsides and a climate which is nearly perfect for fully and evenly ripening the King of Winegrapes, Cabernet Sauvignon. By working with a selection of Napa's finest Cabernet Sauvignon-growing sites and some of Napa's most renowned farming families, we are able to fill our barrels with a cornucopia of nuanced and layered Cabernet Sauvignon wines. By blending these together we produced this celebration of the Taste

## *Winemaker's Notes*



The nose is ripe and bold with blackberry compote, plum, and cassis spiced with a touch of cocoa bean and cherry cola. Bramble berries and black cherry fill the palate, balanced by brighter red fruits, bing cherry, pluot, and raspberry. Spicy tannins grip and coat the palate as ripe black fruits mingle with an earthy finish and a hint of espresso.



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## *Vintage Notes*

The 2019 growing season was a lot like a long distance race. The beginning had it's share of intrigue, the middle was steady and predictable, and the end was action packed. The early part of the year was mild, with almost no frost to speak of but there was a decent amount of rain, saturating the soils and laying the groundwork for long growing season. The spring and summer were relatively calm and steady with no major events to speak of. As fall drew near, it became clear that the wet winter and mild summer were pushing the ripening schedule back. Even though harvest took us all of the way through October, the extra time on the vine imparted amazing structure and flavor development. The alternating pattern of warm and cool days throughout harvest allowed the fruit to maintain ideal levels of acidity. Look for fresh vibrant flavors and luscious, silky textures in the wines of the 2019 vintage.



## *Pairing Insights*

This Cabernet Sauvignon is as versatile as it is delicious when it comes to pairing. A classic american combination of a beef burger or meatloaf is Chef Derick's suggestion to go with the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.