

# SEBASTIANI 2019 GRAVEL BED RED



## THE VINEYARDS

Gravelly soils are responsible for some of the world's greatest wines. With their superior draining properties and lack of nutrients, they encourage better balanced vines, less sprawl, smaller berries and more intense wines. Gravel Bed Red, as the name suggests, is a proprietary blend showcasing some of the best gravelly sites in Sonoma County. Our 2019 bottling features a blend Cabernet Sauvignon from Cherryblock vineyard and carefully selected Sonoma County Merlot and Barbera vineyards.

## THE VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started later than usual in many California wine regions. A wet spring followed by cool temperatures allowed the grapes to mature gradually. Cool temperatures continued throughout the growing season resulting in longer hang time and lower sugar yields. Vintners are praising the full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance of the 2019 vintage.

## WINEMAKING

We cold soaked many of the lots to increase color and flavor extraction. All of the grapes were fermented warm and only a small portion of press wine was included for aromatics and structure. After fermentation, all of the individual lots were racked off the lees and put into French oak barrels. After aging for 18 months, the wine was bottled in August 2021.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2019 Gravel Bed Red is a harmonious expression of gravelly vineyard sites from a moderately warm vintage. Its deep ruby red color leads into forward aromas of baked plum, earth, cassis and incense. Rich flavors of date, fig and sandalwood lead to a milk chocolate finish over fine tannins.

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## TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
COMPOSITION	64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 9% Barbera
AGING	18 months in French oak barrels
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	0.56 g/100 ml
pH	3.63
BOTTLING DATE	August 2021
CASES	1,000