



## 2019 SYRAH

### NAPA VALLEY

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa our estate features vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we've delineated our property into dozens of micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For winemaker Giovanni Verdejo, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker's work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard's serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varieties for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2019 was a near perfect growing season. An early and warm summer pushed sugars into gear, while a cooler fall with a few heat spikes helped to achieve even ripening. The 2019 crop produced fruit with intense flavors while staying true to each varietal's distinctive characteristics.

There are few places in the Napa Valley with the right combination of shale soils that limit a naturally vigorous variety, constant winds that interrupt bloom yielding open clusters, warm days, cool nights – all of which add up to perfect growing conditions for this primally evocative grape variety. We say 'primally' because Syrah has an animal-like nature with its smoky charcuterie elements and its wet stone-like character.

#### TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Syrah displays a deep ruby color in the glass and offers fruitful notes of rich berry, intense black currant, boysenberry, and black olive. This is a full-bodied wine with coated tannins and firm acidity on the palate that concludes with a smooth, lingering finish.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition: 100% Syrah

Cooperage: 23 months in 50% new French and Hungarian oak

Alcohol: 15.5% | pH 3.77 | TA 6.2 g/L | Cases Produced: 220