



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2019

The grapes for this wine come from our mountain vineyards in Alexander Valley, LookOut and RockRise Ranches, sitting high above the valley floor at elevations from 500 to 1,400 feet.

THE VINTAGE

2019 began with plenty of rain, including a couple days of flooding, that brought our total rainfall amounts to well above the annual average. March was cooler and wetter than normal, leading to later budbreak and bloom dates. An unseasonal storm during flowering threatened the vines, however there was minimal damage and a good sized crop was set. Summer brought typical warm Sonoma county weather, heating up toward the end of August and early September. Favorable weather continued, allowing the grapes to hang long enough to develop ripe, jammy flavors that resulted in a later harvest start date.

HOW IT'S MADE

Upon entering the winery, the hand-harvested grapes are destemmed and berry sorted through an optical sorter before being transferred to stainless steel tanks for 5 days of cold soaking. Following the cold soak, yeast is added and pumpovers commence, one to two times daily, for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is drained to 65% new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and 20 months of cave aging before bottling August 2021.

AROMAS & FLAVORS

This wine is full-bodied and rich with layers of boysenberry jam, currants, leather, maple and cedar aromas complemented by black cherry preserves and warm clove flavors. Firm tannins and a touch of toasty mocha linger on the finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon pairs well with roasted, broiled or barbecued game and red meats such as lamb and beef, as well as pork and veal. Medium and strong-flavored cheeses, such as blue cheese or sharp cheddar, also pair nicely with this wine.

COOPERAGE

20 months in French oak, 65% new

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol 14.9% | **pH** 3.78 | **TA** 5.67 g/L

Bottled August 2021