

# 2019 NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

# WINEMAKING

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot,2% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

# HARVEST DATES

September 9 – October 17, 2019

# BRIX AT HARVEST:

Average 24.4°

MACERATION: Average 20 days

# BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 17 months in oak, 45% new oak

#### New oak profile:

91% French, 5% Hungarian, 4% American

# Overall oak profile:

89% French, 7% American, 4% Hungarian

**PH**: 3.51 pH | **TA**: 5.80 g/L | **RS**: 0.045%

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

PRODUCTION: 50,840 cases (9L)

FORMATS: 375ml, 750ml, 1.5L, 3L, 6L

# WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

### HERITAGE

MT. GEORGE VINEYARD (50%) – Located east of Napa, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19th century. Mt. George produces wines with intense fruit flavors, dark color, palate density, and classic structure.

**SILVERADO VINEYARD (44%)** – Silverado Vineyard is home to the namesake winery. It was on this site that Harry See planted Cabernet Sauvignon in 1968 that UC Davis later designated the Disney-Silverado Heritage Clone.

OAKVILLE STATION (6%) – First planted to vines in 1883, this historic site on the western edge of the Oakville bench is now under the guidance of the University of California, Davis; and has played a key role in advancing the quality of California's grape growing.

#### SOILS + CLIMATE

The sloping, gravelly soils and sunny exposure of Silverado Vineyard pairs perfectly with western exposures to the late afternoon sun and Mt. George Vineyard's cooler climate and deep volcanic soils provide depth and structure to these wines.

# VINTAGE

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

### TASTING NOTES

Upon opening, concentrated aromas of blackberry and dark plum fill the nose. The palate is full-bodied with flavors of dark cherry, boysenberry, and a hint of tobacco. Well-balanced and structured with lingering notes of toasted oak on the long finish.

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