

FOLEY F SONOMA

2019 ESTATE TANNAT ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

The 2019 harvest was one of quality and quantity. Sonoma County experienced ideal weather the whole season, allowing our white grapes to ripen at a steady pace and develop full and dynamic flavors. We had a brief break between picking whites and reds with three days of rain that slowed down the sugar levels and gave us time to organize before bringing in the reds. Shortly after those three days the summer heat returned, prompting a brisk finish to the picking season. Ultimately, 2019 yields came in 15%-20% greater than we have seen in the past eight years and the quality is superb across the board.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Planted in the early 2000's, our Tannat makes up just 0.85 acres of our estate vineyards. This site is well suited for Tannat, with many high-degree days to give this big varietal time to ripen. In fact, it is the largest yielding block on our estate. After harvest the fruit was fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French oak barrels (20% new), for 20 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

One of our most distinctive wines aromatically, the 2019 Estate Tannat opens with lush aromatics of red raspberry, blackberry, and chocolate. The palate is well-structured with robust tannins and acidity that complement the rich flavors of black cherry, vanilla, and espresso.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 97% Tannat, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. 1% Petit Verdot

Aging: 20 months in French oak, 20% new

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.66

Production: 129 Cases

