



CHERRYBLOCK

2019

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE VINEYARDS

Since its creation, Cherryblock has been our flagship wine at Sebastiani. The majority of the fruit (63%) came from our original Old Vines block of Cabernet Sauvignon planted in 1961. The remaining 37% is sourced from fruit from the younger Cabernet and Merlot vines on our estate. Our goal is to create a benchmark Cabernet that possesses the elegance, structure and terroir-driven aromatics only found in Cherryblock.

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

The grapes were selectively harvested from the afternoon side (south facing) of vines several days prior to the harvest of the north facing side of the vines to optimize fruit quality. The fruit was gently de-stemmed and hand sorted to choose only the best. The berries were then loaded to a tank for a minimum three-day cold soak, prior to inoculation and a warm ferment to dryness. Once dry the wine was pressed off skins it was racked to barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging for 16 months in 50% new French and Hungarian oak. Several blending trials were conducted to select the best of the best of the Cabernet blocks and 8% Merlot was added to bring more rich flavors to the bold blend prior to filtration and bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2019 vintage opens with terroir-driven aromatics of crème de cassis, black cherry, baked plum and all-spice. These aromas carry through to a palate that is well structured and full-bodied, with youthful yet firm tannins. A long echoing finish provides additional notes of dark fruit, earth and toasted oak. While drinking well into its youth, this wine will continue to improve and gain complexity over the next 10+ years. – Mark Beaman, Winemaker.

APPELLATION:	Sonoma Valley
COMPOSITION:	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot
COOPERAGE:	16 months in French and Hungarian oak, 50% new
ALCOHOL:	14.9%
TA:	5.9 g/L
PH:	3.6
BOTTLING DATE:	August 2021

