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WINEMAKER'S
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LANCASTER ESTATE 2019 SOPHIA'S HILLSIDE CUVÉE

OUR THOUGHTS...

Our 2019 Sophia's Hillside Cuvée is composed of our young hillside blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit from these estate vineyard blocks meld together to create a perfectly balanced, intense wine. It has the fruit-forward youthfulness and freshness of the young Cabernet Sauvignon that is softened and balanced by the French oak aging. Upon opening, deep aromas of dark plum, black pepper, tobacco and clove fill the nose. The palate mirrors the aromas with additional notes of black cherry, leather and savory dried herbs. A soft mouthfeel and smooth, refined tannins linger on the lush finish.

VINTAGE AND WINEMAKING NOTES:

The 2019 growing season began with a cool spring, delaying bud break. Summer temperatures were average and allowed the grapes to ripen at a steady pace. All of our vines were harvested by October 26, when the Kincade Fire brought picking to an abrupt halt. Our fruit from this vintage was of exceptional quality.

COOPERAGE:

After primary fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine was underwent malolactic fermentation and aged sur lie in 100% new French oak for 18 months. We chose barrels from several coopers including Taransaud, Demptos, Saury and Bel Air. 30% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium Plus, Medium Long and Heavy toast levels to provide better integration and balance.

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS:

Production: 1,083 cases

*Varietals: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec
4% Cabernet Franc*

Titrateable Acidity: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.80

Alcohol: 14.5%

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