



2019 CINQ CÉPAGES Sonoma County Red Wine



COMPOSITION

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot
5% Cabernet Franc
5% Malbec
3% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE

Aged 20 months in French and
American oak (65% new)

ANALYSIS

14.9% Alcohol

VINEYARDS

Cinq Cépages is the flagship wine of Chateau St. Jean. Each year, our winemaker selects fruit from outstanding and proven Bordeaux varietal vineyards to craft a wine that showcases the very best of Sonoma County. The primary grape sources for the 2019 vintage are from some of the finest appellations throughout Sonoma County. The majority is from Sonoma Valley, where cabernet sauvignon from the Monte Rosso and Mountain Terraces vineyards in the Moon Mountain add structure, alongside selections from the valley including Chateau St. Jean Estate Vineyard malbec. Cabernet sauvignon fruit from Knight's Valley provides textured, weighty dark fruit characters. The Louvau vineyard in Dry Creek offers merlot with lush juiciness and texture, while the Stuhlmuller Vineyard in Alexander Valley brings fruit with savory, dried herb notes and bright berry flavors.

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.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Cinq Cépages opens with aromas of sweet dark cherry and raspberry jam on layers of mocha, clove, and sweet vanilla. On the palate, sweet blackberry and dark plum flavors are framed by toasty oak and a hint of dried herbs, and a plush, full body accented by fine-grained tannins. Lively acidity balances a lengthy finish of sweet vanilla, jammy fruit, and hint of dark chocolate. Rewarding and ready for enjoyment now, the 2019 vintage will also evolve over time with proper cellaring.

