



2019 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa our estate features vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we've delineated our property into dozens of micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For winemaker Giovanni Verdejo, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker's work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard's serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varietals for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2019 was a near perfect growing season. An early and warm summer pushed sugars into gear, while a cooler fall with a few heat spikes helped to achieve even ripening. The 2019 crop produced fruit with intense flavors while staying true to each varietal's distinctive characteristics.

We refer to this bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon from Kuleto as our 'Estate' bottling, even though all of our other wines are from the estate as well. It's because it truly represents the entire property in terms of sourcing that it gets this moniker. We've planted Cabernet and the other Bordeaux varieties in as many places as possible to take advantage of altitude, exposure, fog-line, and soil type to spread out the ripening season for flavor and structure diversity in the wine. No matter the vintage, the 'Estate' bottling from Kuleto is a complete and balanced wine because of the amazing diversity of this property.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold, yet balanced representation of the varietal and our unique mountaintop estate. It opens with aromas of sage, cherry compote, and blueberry. The palate offers boysenberry, spice and layers of depth with cherry and white pepper notes. The finish is long with plenty of grip.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging: 18 months in 40% new French and American oak

Alcohol: 15.5% | pH: 3.80 | TA: 5.40 g/L