



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

The Dry Creek Valley is an undiscovered gem, producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Primarily known for Zinfandel, the valley has almost as much Cabernet Sauvignon planted. Our region's unique *terroir* provides just the right growing conditions. A perfect microclimate, we are blessed with long days of vibrant sunshine and cool foggy evenings allowing for exquisitely ripened Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Bright cherry fruit framed by floral and spice elements create wines that speak to the distinctive soil and growing conditions in our appellation.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season – fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This lush and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon initially displays aromas of plum, cranberry and black truffle, followed by nutmeg, black pepper and thyme. A first taste of the full-bodied wine reveals flavors of black cherry, black currant and espresso. Hints of florals and fine leather bolster its richness, while firm tannins provide structure. The broad palate and soft edges make this Cabernet approachable in its youth while also perfect for aging.

BLEND

77% Cabernet Sauvignon
 14% Merlot 4% Malbec
 3% Petit Verdot 2% Cabernet Franc

FERMENTATION

12–18 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
 pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

20 months in French oak; 26% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 25.2

PH | 3.72

TA | 6.3 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 25–October 25, 2019

VINE AGE | 13–29 years

SOILS

Benchland, rolling eastern hills, and western mountain sites

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

92
POINTS
BEST BUY

Wine & Spirits