



## 2019 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### *Vintage:*

THE BEGINNING OF THE 2019 GROWING SEASON WAS DEFINED BY COPIOUS RAINFALL AND LATE SOIL MOISTURE. THE LONG, WARM SUMMER SAW VERY FEW EXTREME HEAT EVENTS, WITH FOGGY MORNINGS SETTING THE STAGE FOR VIBRANT AND EXPRESSIVE WINES. THE LONG, RELATIVELY MILD FINISH TO THE SEASON, NOT WITHOUT ITS MOMENTS OF UNPREDICTABILITY, HELPED TO PRESERVE FRESHNESS AND FINESSE IN THE FRUIT WITH ABUNDANT HANG TIME TEASING OUT GREAT COLOR, STRUCTURE AND SOFT TANNINS. VOLUME IS LOOKING TO BE ABOUT AVERAGE TO A LITTLE LESS THAN AVERAGE. ALL IN ALL, EXCEPTIONAL FRUIT WITH BRIGHT ACIDITY AND AMPLE TEXTURE PROMISES AN AMAZING VINTAGE.

### *Vineyard:*

THE SOMNIUM ESTATE VINEYARD SITS ON THE FLANKS OF HOWELL MOUNTAIN AT 1300 FT AND FACES DIRECTLY WEST AND SOUTHWEST, BENEFITING FROM MAXIMUM SUN EXPOSURE. THE HIGH ELEVATION KEEPS THE ESTATE VINEYARD, ON AVERAGE, 5 DEGREES COOLER THAN THE VALLEY FLOOR, RESULTING IN A STEADY GROWING SEASON. BLOCKS 3, 4, 6 AND 7 WERE BLENDED TOGETHER WITH GRAPES FROM ONE OF THE OLDEST MERLOT VINEYARDS IN COOMBSVILLE (NAPA VALLEY), SITUATED ON A ROCKY HILLSIDE WITH WELL-DRAINED SOIL.

### *Tasting:*

BRIGHT AND DYNAMIC, THIS WINE BLENDS BORDEAUX VARIETIES INTO A NAPA VALLEY SENSATION. GENEROUS RED, BLUE AND PURPLE FRUITS DANCE ACROSS THE PALATE WITH SUPPORTING NOTES OF VANILLA, PEPPER, SPICY CEDAR AND DRIED WILD HERBS. WELL-STRUCTURED TANNINS SUPPORT THE HIGH-TONED FRUIT THOUGH A REFRESHING FINISH OF MINT AND MIXED BERRY COMPOTE.

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### *Composition:*

76% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
13% MERLOT, 10% CABERNET FRANC,  
1% PETIT VERDOT

### *Bottling:*

390 CASES  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

### *Barrel Regime:*

22 MONTHS IN 80% NEW FRENCH  
OAK AND 20% ONCE-USED  
FRENCH OAK

### *Aging:*

2021-2027

### *Winemaker:*

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