

2019 13TH VINEYARD RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN



VARIETALS

88% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Malbec



ALCOHOL

15.6%



PRODUCTION

12 barrels



BOTTLED

August 30, 2020



98+ POINTS

Jeb Dunnuck

13th vineyard

WINEMAKER

Danielle Cyrot

AVA

Howell Mountain

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2019 13th Reserve Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is from our 82-acre Estate Vineyard on Howell Mountain. This property was the 13th bonded winery in California, dating back to 1886. The property is planted to 74 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.5 acres of Malbec, and 1 acre of Petit Verdot. The fruit in 2019 was harvested between October 10th and October 29th.

FERMENTATION

The fruit was hand-picked, destemmed/whole berry, and optically sorted into small stainless steel fermentation tanks. The must was kept at 50°F for a two-day cold soak. Fermentation was hot and fast with temperatures reaching a maximum of 95°F and the juice macerating on the skins/seeds for 5–7 days.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine was aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Only free run wine was used in the blend—no press fractions were selected. Racking occurred immediately after the completion of malolactic fermentation, then on a quarterly basis until bottling.

COOPERAGE

Sylvain Signature Medium Plus, Atelier Medium Long, Darnajou Strong, Tonnellerie O Medium Long, Quintessence Medium, and Doreau Medium Plus.

IMPRESSIONS

The 13th Vineyard Reserve has raspberry, cherry, graham cracker, huckleberry, rose petals, black pepper, and vanilla aromas. On the palate are flavors of blueberry, tart cherry, dark chocolate, cranberry, raspberry, mocha, coffee, and cherry compote. The wine has fantastic color, velvety and refined tannins, and a full-bodied texture. The addition of Malbec to the blend gives the wine vibrancy and youthfulness that can only come from Malbec. This wine reflects the best of what 13th Vineyard offers: a full-bodied, red fruit-driven Cabernet Sauvignon with the remarkable Howell Mountain structure.