

2019 ADAPTATION CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY



VARIETALS

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Merlot
2% Petite Sirah



ALCOHOL

14.8%



AGING

18 months



BOTTLED

May 3-7, 2021



ADAPTATION

NAPA VALLEY

AVA

Napa Valley

VINEYARD NOTES

In 2019 we continued to work closely with our favorite local growers throughout the broader Napa Valley. The backbone of this blend comes from Oso Vineyard. This newly acquired Estate Vineyard delivers an abundance of fruit, color, and tannin, providing the framework and structure to carry this wine. This site is complemented by Ink Grade Vineyard, which is in very close proximity, our Estate Vineyard in the Stags Leap District, Blue Tooth Vineyard down the road from Odette in Oak Knoll, and Las Amigas Vineyard in Carneros. Each of these sites come together in unison to create a beautiful expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that captures the diversity and range of the unique terroir within Napa Valley in a complex yet approachable, elegant style.

VINTAGE

The growing season was extremely steady with moderate temperatures throughout the year. We had a very even bloom with veraison finishing quickly, resulting in healthy balanced yields. Moderate temperatures held late into the season without the threat of rain, allowing for extra hang time to develop flavors and phenolic ripeness.

FERMENTATION & ÉLEVAGE

Fermentation took place in small fully jacketed stainless-steel fermenters after a 48-hour cold soak at 55°F. The stainless-steel fermenters showcase the purity of the fruit while preserving the freshness and allowing the terroir to shine. Maceration lasted 8-14 days at a maximum temperature of 92°F and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel and finished up in late winter. The wine was aged in 50% new oak barrels and 50% one-fill oak barrels with minimal racking for 18 months before bottling.

IMPRESSIONS

The 2019 Adaptation Cabernet Sauvignon is a gorgeous expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from a superb vintage. Revealing blackberries, black currants, crème de cassis, with hints of espresso, cocoa powder and fine gravelly undertones, this seamless full-bodied wine carries remarkable freshness and purity, delivering up front appeal with long term potential.