

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaking

Our second bottling of Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a stunning blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, sourced from our Profile Estate Vineyard on the ridges of Conn Valley overlooking St. Helena. The fruit was hand harvested at night to retain freshness and acidity. After a 5 day cold soak, the wines began native fermentation in a combination of oak and stainless steel. We completed two pumpovers per day, until dry, and pressed between 14-21 days. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel, 100% French oak, 80% new. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

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 helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture has resulted in an amazing vintage.

Tasting Notes

Classic Napa Cabernet aromas of savory red fruits, currants, dried herbs and sandalwood. On the palate, intriguing flavors of Mediterranean olives, cocoa and Madagascar vanilla. Seamless, polished tannins lead into a long finish. A young wine, it will evolve in the glass and bottle. Enjoy this wine with roasted and grilled meats, hearty vegetables and rich, savory pasta dishes. Enjoy over the next 10+ years.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc
Vineyards:	Profile Estate Vineyard
Cooperage:	21 months in French oak, 80% new
Alc:	14.6%
PH:	3.99
TA:	5.3 g/L

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