



2019 “PIECE DE RESISTANCE” NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Pièce de Résistance represents our highest achievement—the finest six barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon from the 2019 vintage. This wine is an experience of the varietal in its purest form, crafted to stand the test of time.

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| COMPOSITION | | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| VINEYARD | | Upper Range, Block C4 |
| HARVESTED | | October 25, 2019 |
| BARREL AGE | | 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels |
| BOTTLED | | May 2021 |
| ALCOHOL | | 16.1% by vol. |
| WINEMAKER | | Katie Vogt |
| RELEASE DATE | | October 2022 |
| PRODUCTION | | 6 barrels |

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

Pièce de Résistance is our crowning achievement, the very finest barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon of the vintage, soulfully and authentically articulating vineyard and variety. The 2019 vintage teems with plum and cassis, cedar, and clove that progress to earthy notes of fresh sage and Castelvetro olive, seemingly boundless layers interplaying and unveiling with time in the glass. Soft and luscious upon entry, firm yet graceful tannins offer texture and structure on the rich, expansive palate, realizing a profound balance of intensity and elegance. The focused core of ripe blackberry, dark plum, and black cherry surges over hints of sarsaparilla, vanilla, and leather, unfurling to an exceptionally long finish of dusty cocoa tannins. —Katie Vogt

WINEMAKING

Four select blocks of Upper Range Vineyard were hand-harvested in the cool pre-dawn hours. Clusters, segregated by block, were hand-sorted, gently destemmed, and delivered as whole berries into open-top fermenters—50% oak puncheons to intensify aroma, flavor, and color extraction—for three weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. Only free-run juice was transferred to 100% new French oak barrels to complete primary and secondary fermentations. After 18 months of aging, six barrels proved absolutely stunning, worthy of becoming our Pièce de Résistance. These were cellar blended and aged for an additional two months, a total of 20 months, before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in May 2021.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing year began with generous winter rains followed by a cool, wet spring that delayed budbreak and afforded the vines an ample water reserve. By early June, consistently warm temperatures and bountiful sunshine emerged and persisted through the remainder of the growing season. These ideal conditions allowed vines to develop consistent, clean clusters with complex, layered flavors and excellent structure. Brief late-season heat spikes ushered berries toward maturity, easing into mild, acidity-preserving conditions as harvest began. Excellent, well-developed fruit was delivered into the cellar.

REVIEW

“...dark and plummy, mingled with black cherries and earth, plus hints of cedar and vanilla. Full-bodied and richly concentrated, it’s a big, powerful wine yet also mouthwatering and elegant, with cocoa and coffee accents on the lingering, gently tannic finish.” 97 points. Joe Czerwinski, *Wine Advocate*, May, 2022