



## 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

Honig Estate Vineyard

### Winemaking Notes

**FRUIT** 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot from the Honig Estate Vineyard

**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.

**VINEYARD** The Honig Vineyard is in the heart of Napa Valley close to the Napa River. The block that the fruit for this wine came from is on loamy well drained soils. It was planted with close spacing to optimize the vigor for classic Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon production. In addition to this, a permanent cover crop and early leaf removal led to a well-balanced, graceful wine that reflects the beauty and complexity of the region.

**HARVEST** October 19, 2019  
Brix at Harvest: 25.1

**WINEMAKING** The wine was barrel fermented in new French oak barrels and punched down by hand throughout fermentation. It was pressed 18 days after crushing and returned to the barrels it was fermented in. After a total of 19 months in barrels, 60 cases were bottled May 19, 2021

**Tasting Notes** This beautifully balanced Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon shows dark red fruit characters enhanced by notes of chai spice, violets and vanilla. The palate is silky and round with a lengthy, layered finish that reflects the overall complexity of the wine. Enjoyable now and promises to be quite age worthy.

