



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:
95% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.77

TA: 5.8 g/L

AGING: 18-19 months in 29%
new French oak

BOTTLED: July 8, 2021
unfined and unfiltered



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

SMALL LOT COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY MALBEC

2019

2019 VINTAGE

The vineyards enjoyed uncharacteristically heavy rain in March and April with a touch of rainfall in late spring. Mild temperatures led to budbreak in early April. The summer months enjoyed moderate temperatures other than a brief spike of heat in June. The growing lengthy growing season culminated with harvest beginning on October 12, 2019.

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from our Rutherford Estate which is farmed organically and biodynamically. A small portion of Petit Verdot from St. Helena is blended in to provide more density and helps balance out the tannins of the Malbec.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The fruit was hand-harvested between October 12 to October 16. The Malbec and Petit Verdot grapes were pressed off at dryness while the other varietals went through extended maceration for an average of 38 days on the skins.

WINE PROFILE

A beautiful purple in the glass, aromas of Bing cherry, raspberry and chocolate entice the nose with an added hint of earth. This is a full-bodied wine with a rich palate of strawberry, mocha, toasted almond and cassis flavors. Refined tannins and well-integrated acidity are enhanced by a elegant and lengthy finish.