



WAPPO HILL

—|| PINNACLE OF NAPA VALLEY ||—

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

2019 VINTAGE

Wappo Hill is the spiritual center of Napa Valley; the highest point on the valley floor and the pinnacle of 4,000 years of civilization. Its mystical location was the apex of the Wappo land. The Wappo name honors the bravery, strength and wisdom of the founding people of Napa. The hill rises 666 feet, providing the Wappo a strategic perspective onto their cherished valley, with views from the San Pablo Bay to Mt. St. Helena. It was there they surveyed the map of Napa Valley that bore the Wappo name.

We created a Cabernet Sauvignon that honors the Wappo tradition, that encapsulates the mystical power of the place and the spiritual energy of their ancestral land. Wisdom and elegance united in strength... This is Wappo Hill Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

THE VINTAGE:

Heavy spring rains enriched the soils and delayed bud break by a few weeks. A heat spike in June, followed by warm weather, brought even veraison throughout the vineyards. A cooling trend and touch of rain in mid-September created ideal conditions for the 2019 harvest which is considered a near-perfect vintage.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER:

Harvested in the early morning hours on October 5 and October 31, the grapes are from sites that reflect the terroir of Wappo Hill. The grapes are from two vineyards, one that is located in east Yountville located off State Lane followed by a vineyard in the Stags Leap District. The cooler climate of Yountville, which experiences fog from the San Pablo bay, brings out the textural component of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape along with bright fruit flavors. Producing smaller berries and lower yields, the Stags Leap District vineyard imparts nice tannin structure and intense, concentrated flavors into the wine. The result is a Cabernet Sauvignon of great distinction and finesse. The grapes went through extended maceration before aging for 19 months in small Ermitage French oak barrels, 26% new, before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on July 14, 2021, a fruit day according to the lunar calendar.

TASTING NOTE:

A beautiful deep purple color in the glass, this Cabernet Sauvignon has a bouquet of stewed black cherries, mulberries, rose petals and black tea with hints of eucalyptus and dusty soil that greet the nose. A full-bodied wine with bursts of bold, black fruit preserve flavors layered with notes of crème de cassis and exotic spices. Framed by velvety tannins, the finish is long with a touch of minerality.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

pH: 3.95

TA: 5.8

AGING:
19 months in 26% new French oak

PRODUCTION:
108 cases bottled unfiltered and unfiltered