

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon ALCOHOL: 15% by vol.

PH: 3.70

TA: 6.3 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 17% new French oak



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OAK KNOLL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2019

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Oak Knoll Cabernet Sauvignon are sourced from a single vineyard in the middle of the valley floor that is planted in Pleasanton Loam over a rocky sub-surface layer, creating very deep and well-drained soils. The fog hangs over the vines until mid-morning which adds a savory aspect to the finished wine.

ABOUT 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

The grapes were harvested on October 25 and fermented on the skins for 29 days with extended maceration. A mixture of native and inoculated fermentations, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 17% new French oak barrels, primarily from Seguin Moreau. Tightly grained French oak barrels impart their oak to wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINE PROFILE

Vibrant plum, blackberry and bay leaf aromas waft from the glass in this 2019 Oak Knoll Cabernet Sauvignon with a hint of tobacco. Warm baked berry pie aromas are complemented by rhubarb, blueberry and baker's chocolate with a nice touch of oak. Bold tannins and balanced acidity are followed by a savory and lingering finish.