

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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# DISTRICT COLLECTION

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.