



SOMMELIER SELECTION

NORTH COAST CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2019



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: North Coast

VARIETALS:

82% Cabernet Sauvignon,
18% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.61

TA: 5.8 g/L

AGING: Combination of
mostly neutral French oak
and stainless steel tanks for
14 months

For the past 10 years, a group of influential sommeliers from the finest restaurants have crafted the Raymond Sommelier Selection Cabernet Sauvignon. With the 2019 vintage, we are giving back to this wonderful community who is an integral part of the wine world.

With every bottle sold, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Sommeliers Foundation to help support those in need. Blended by Director of Winemaking, Stephanie Putnam, this Cabernet Sauvignon is not only a tribute to sommeliers, but it continues to celebrate the long tradition of complementing exceptional meals with just the right 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

This blend is comprised of fruit from four unique appellations: Napa Valley, Sonoma County, Mendocino County and Lake County. The fruit from Napa Valley went through extended maceration, spending an average of 24 days on the skins. The other appellations were pressed off at dryness to retain freshness and their varietal characteristics. The blend was aged in a combination of mostly neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks to allow the fruit to fully express itself and become the perfect pairing for food.

WINE PROFILE

The aromas leap from the glass with vibrant red and black currant notes followed by black cherry, dark chocolate and a waft of rose hip tea. This is a medium to full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with a soft and juicy palate with savory flavors of raspberry, blueberry and cocoa nibs. Nicely balanced, the finish is long and mineral laced.