

NAPA VALLEY CALIFORNIA

St.Helena Cabernet Sauvignon No 2019

VINTAGE



FOUNDER'S THE 18 RANCH 75 HI NAPA VALLEY CALIFORNIA Cabornet Gausignon SAINT HELENA

## TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETALS: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Sirah

> APPELLATION: St. Helena, Napa Valley

> > ALCOHOL: 14.5%

**pH**: 3.79

TA: 6.14 g/L

Aging: 25% new French oak

Months in Barrel: 18

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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 verasion 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.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes for this Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested from three St. Helena vineyards with the majority coming from Founder's Ranch which is uniquely positioned on the southern edge of St. Helena on gravelly alluvial fan soils with excellent drainage. Picked in the early morning hours to maintain freshness, the grapes went through extended maceration. The wine was aged for 18 months in 25% new French oak barrels before being bottled.

## TASTING NOTES

Aromas of plum, baked blueberry, bay leaf and a hint of black currant greet the nose in this Cabernet Sauvignon from St. Helena. Juicy blackberry and black cherry flavors coat the palate with cedar spice and notes of bay leaf. Beautifully structured with fine-grained tannins and balanced acidity with a finish that is long and savory.