



## TASTING NOTES

### 2019 LAUREA Napa Valley Red Wine

The nose of the 2019 Laurea is pristine, pure and energetic, open and inviting. Notes of cassis and blackberry predominate the intense aromatics, creating an alluringly fragrant wine that demands to be tasted immediately. On the palate, the wine offers an abundance of flavors of brambly black fruits that are rich, round and juicy, all supported by notes of ash and tar, with super fine tannins that lend gravitas to this overtly generous wine.

*"This wine combines opulent ripe fruit flavors with striking, silky, almost Graves-like tannins that persist on the palate; this a serious red wine."*

- Nigel Kinsman, winemaker

## BLEND INFORMATION

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Cabernet Franc

## WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2019 growing season began with copious rainfall during the winter months that kept temperatures on the cool side and helped saturate soils, refill reservoirs and recharge groundwater basins. Unusually high amounts of rain in May made getting tractors into the vineyards a challenge and delayed budbreak for several weeks. Finally, warmer and drier weather arrived in June and as crews opened up the rapidly growing canopies, the new grape clusters revealed themselves to be a normal set. Summer remained sunny but mild and vines ripened their crop without environmental stress during the overall cool season; August finally brought

much needed heat that continued into September, but cool evenings kept acidities fresh, providing excellent conditions for ripening. Our red grape harvest began on September 23rd with Cabernet Sauvignon and finished on October 25th, also with Cabernet Sauvignon. All the grapes were hand-harvested in the cool morning hours and were brought to the winery in perfect condition for crush. The wines were fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged sur lie in new and used French oak barrels, then bottled on July 26, 2021.



## ACCOLADES

### 2019 LAUREA Napa Valley Red Wine

93pts  
vinous

"The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Laurea is bright and effusive, with striking aromatic lift and tons of sheer allure. This mid-weight, classy Cabernet Sauvignon will drink well pretty much upon release. Even today it is an absolute charmer. Vibrant floral and spice notes perk up the finish."

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, January 2022

93pts  
Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2019 Laurea is a blend of 91% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Cabernet Franc. The nose is wonderfully perfumed, offering scents of red roses, Ceylon tea and licorice over a core of warm cassis, blueberry compote and kirsch with a touch of tilled soil. Full-bodied, ripe and juicy in the mouth, it has a velvety texture and a spicy kick to the finish. 795 cases were made."

Lisa Perotti Brown, Wine Advocate, February 2022