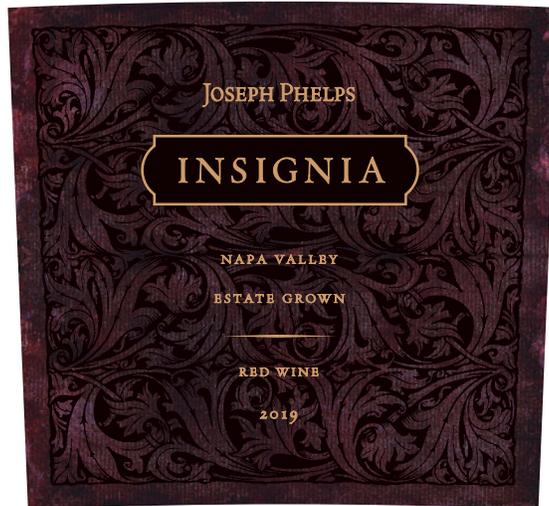


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Joseph Phelps INSIGNIA, Napa Valley 2019

Winemaking Data

Blend: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec from estate-grown Napa Valley vineyards: 32% Yountville (Oak Knoll District), 23% Banca Dorada (Rutherford), 14% Suscol (South Napa Valley), 14% Home Ranch (St. Helena), 12% Las Rocas (Stags Leap District), 3% Barboza (Stags Leap District), 2% El Venadito (Oak Knoll District).

Aging: 24 months in 100% new French oak from coopers Taransaud, Dargaud Jaegle, Demptos, Marcel Cadet and Sylvain.

Winemaking Notes: The 2019 Insignia opens with heady aromatics of red fruit, crème de cassis, leafy tobacco and delicate dried rose petals. The palate is juicy and dense with expressive layers of blackberry, raspberry, black currant, and dark chocolate. A dynamic wine offering captivating energy, length, complexity and refinement.

Growing Season: In 2019, bud break occurred around the same time as 2018 but was delayed compared to our historical averages due to cold, saturated soils from the wet winter. May was cold with an unusual amount of rainfall which delayed bloom in some areas. Canopy management was key in 2019 because of vigorous canopies and moderate temperatures leading to less stress on the vines. July was cooler than average, but August and September warmed to push ripening ahead. Harvest weather patterns remained dry and fruit quality was excellent with well-developed flavors and structure. 2019 Insignia marks the first vintage to include fruit from the new Joseph Phelps vineyard named El Venadito, located in the Oak Knoll District, just south of the winery's Yountville Vineyard.

Reviews: (96-98) Points, "The 2019 Insignia offers a gorgeous perfume of crème de cassis, chocolate, lavender, dried flowers, tobacco, and leafy herbs. Possessing full-bodied richness, a layered, seamless texture, gorgeous tannins, and just a classy, balanced character, this beauty is going to shine with just 3-4 years of bottle age yet still cruise in cold cellars for 30 years. It actually reminds me slightly of the 1997." -*Jeb Dunnuck, Jan. 2021*

(95-98) Points, "The 2019 Insignia is a wine of tremendous energy and nuance. Bright red/purplish fruit, rose petal, mint and cinnamon give the 2019 terrific aromatic presence. All the elements fall into place effortlessly in a deeply expressive, captivating Insignia that appears to have a very bright future." -*Antonio Galloni, Vinous, Jan. 2021*