

CLOS LACHANCE

VINEYARDS

2019 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon is the king of red wines and at Clos LaChance there is no exception. Cabernet is the largest volume of acreage for a single varietal on our Estate, and that is made up of over 6 different clones on 4 different root stocks. The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has always been a top performer for quality and is the flag ship for all tiers and of the Clos LaChance portfolio. We stay true to the style that the terroir on our Estate gives us and create an approachable and elegant style of Cabernet that is crafted for your everyday indulgence. The wine is ready to drink now and can be laid down for several years as well.

HARVEST NOTES

2019, like the previous two vintages, continued to be one of the latest starts to harvest in recent memory. As the winters have become increasingly wet over the past three years, the soil profile has continued to allow the vines time to mature at a health rate and allow for a prolonged growing season. Seasonably above average rainfall in the spring gave rise to a later than average bud break and bloom. The late bloom period allowed the weather to warm up and decrease any concerns of a devastating frost event, a welcomed outcome for winemakers statewide. The summer of 2019 was well below seasonal average for temperatures and heat spike events. Only four days of 100+ degree temperatures in 2019 was well below that of 2018 and 2019 that saw 16 and 11 days respectively over 100 degrees. This even and mild temperature swings gave us an ideal growing season which pushed well into November. The extended hang time is shaping up to provide extremely high quality and likely one of the best vintages in the past decade.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon off of the Clos LaChance Estate sits higher in elevation than any other varietal and is high on the hill side. The soils in this area of the vineyard are shallow and rocky allowing for great drainage but harsh conditions for the root structure. This yields lower quantities of grapes but much higher quality and a more complex tannin structure in the skins. The grapes are handpicked, and hand sorted prior to a 72-hour cold soak at 40 degrees F. During fermentation, the wine is pumped over 4 times per day during peak fermentation to maximize extraction. Post fermentation the wine is held on skins for 48 hours to extend maceration and provide even more color and tannin extraction. The wine is then aged on 30% New French Oak and the remainder is aged on a mix of neutral American and French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Garnet.

Aroma: Plum, blackberry, green pepper.

Structure: Medium body, medium tannin, light acid.

Flavors: Fresh blueberries, white pepper, plum.

Pairings: BBQ Tri-Tip, pasta with Italian sausage, hard cheeses.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vineyard: 100% Estate Vineyards

Blend: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot

Aged: 16 months on 30% New French Oak, 60% Neutral French Oak, 10% Neutral American Oak

Harvest date: Oct. 17 – Oct. 22

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.5

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.65

Alcohol%: 14.5%

Sugar: 0.14 g/L

AVAs of California's North Central Coast

