



2019 AIDA ESTATE MERLOT



Harvest Date: September 25, 2019 – October 8, 2019

Barrel Age: 20 months, 65% new French oak

Cooperage: Nadalie, Taransaud, Saury

Bottling Date: June 7, 2021

Alcohol: 14.7%

Release Date: Spring 2022

Cases Produced: 143

Retail Price: \$140 - 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals as well as Zinfandel. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Zinfandel grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE The 2019 vintage was spectacular from start to finish. Some areas of Napa Valley recorded as much as 40–50 inches of much needed rain over the winter. The wet soils delayed budbreak and additional April rains provided a fully saturated environment for the vines. Spring weather was mild and ideal for fruit set and the summer of 2019 was phenomenal, for both the vines and the vineyard workers. Very few heat spikes and a long, drawn out growing season provided excellent, uniform ripening across all varietals.

THE WINE For years, our winemaker has been isolating the most beautiful lots of Aida Merlot in hopes of making a single bottling. In 2019, he finally got his wish, bottling a merlot too stunning to blend. On the nose of this purple hued wine, violets and chocolate covered espresso beans purely express the varietal. Crushed stone, red fruit and rose petals remind us that this wine is true to the Aida vineyard. Medium to full body this wine coats the palate while still staying fresh and light on its toes. Firm tannins and great acid houses notes of currants, graphite and dried lavender. An inaugural vintage worthy of a spot in your cellar for 20+ years.