



2019 CRU CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ST. HELENA



Harvest Dates: September 25 – October 12, 2019

Barrel Age: 18 months in 65% new oak, 100% French oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Saury, Baron, Ermitage

Blend: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, 2% Merlot,
2% Petite Verdot

Bottling Date: April 28, 2021

Alcohol: 14.6%

Release Date: October 1, 2021

pH/TA: 3.78 / 0.56

Cases Produced: 148

THE VINEYARD Our CRU St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced primarily from block 2 at our Aida Estate Vineyard in northern St. Helena. We also use blending components from two other vineyards just to the south, as well as a small amount of Petit Verdot from Rutherford. The resulting blend showcases the powerful, structured black fruit profile that the St. Helena appellation is known for. Each vineyard plays a role in this uniquely focused CRU bottling, contributing to the juicy approachability and great structure that our CRU Cabernet Sauvignons are known for.

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 The 2019 CRU St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon has explosive aromatics with intense notes of ripe blackberries, black cherries, and cassis. Hints of dark chocolate, espresso and cedar are well integrated and refined. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and concentrated with a velvety texture and balanced acidity. The tannins are fine-grained and polished, supporting a long, mouthwatering finish. This finely crafted Cabernet is enjoyable upon release but will evolve beautifully over 10–12 years in bottle.