



# 2019 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Dry Creek Valley*



#### BLEND

78% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 10% PETIT VERDOT,  
5% MALBEC, 5% MERLOT, 2% CABERNET FRANC

#### HARVEST DATES

OCTOBER 4–24, 2019

#### BARREL AGING

20 MONTHS IN FRENCH, HUNGARIAN AND  
AMERICAN OAK; 45% NEW OAK

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### PH

3.63

#### TA

6.6 G/L

#### SOILS

BENCHLAND, ROLLING EASTERN HILLS AND WESTERN  
MOUNTAIN SITES

#### VINE AGE

13–29 YEARS

#### YIELDS

2–3 TONS PER ACRE

#### FLAVOR PROFILE



BLACK CURRANT



BLACK CHERRY



RASPBERRY



PEPPER



CARDAMOM

#### STYLE

- Rich
- Luxurious
- Fruit-Forward
- Fine Tannins

#### FOOD PAIRING

- Aged Cheddar
- Roast Squab
- Braised Beef
- Duck Breast

## HISTORY

We are proud to showcase this special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cabernet Sauvignon to commemorate five decades of family winemaking in the Dry Creek Valley! Our home appellation is an undiscovered gem for the Bordeaux varietals, producing some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in California. Our region's unique *terroir* provides just the right growing conditions, with long days of vibrant sunshine and cool foggy evenings, to create a bold and powerful Cabernet Sauvignon.

## GROWING SEASON

Overall, 2019 was a mild growing season with a later start to the summer. This seasonal shift led to a longer hang time, which allowed for even ripening and full berry development, while retaining natural acidity. Harvest started about one week later than average compared to the last handful of vintages, and the mild growing conditions led to a very long season — fruit was being harvested for nearly 70 days! This extended season allowed us to pick each vineyard block at an ideal level of ripeness to produce balanced, flavorful wines with complexity and nuance.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This lush and elegant commemorative wine initially displays aromas of black currant, black cherry and plum, with notes of chai spice, sweet tobacco and freshly-ground coffee. A first taste of the full-bodied wine reveals flavors of bright blackberry and raspberry. Hints of pepper, cardamom and mocha bolster its richness, while fine tannins provide a velvety, long and lingering finish. The broad palate and soft edges make this Cabernet opulent in its youth while also perfect for aging.