



## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON “IRON SLOPES”

Dry Creek Valley



### HISTORY

This high elevation Cabernet Sauvignon was inspired by our decades of working with Bordeaux varietals planted in the different districts and vineyards within Dry Creek Valley. Our family winery has always sought to match the best varietal to the vineyard for impeccably balanced and flavorful grapes. This exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon showcases some of the more extreme growing sites that lie on the western hillsides of Dry Creek Valley. The undulating nature of the terrain provides grapes that are beautifully ripened and lead to a wine that is silky, textured and complex.

### 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

Juicy aromas of black currant, blueberry and raspberry come forward initially. Additional airing reveals notes of dried rose petals, cedar and sweet tobacco. The palate is bold and luxurious with luscious fruit flavors of black and red cherries, and cranberry. The finish lingers with notes of marzipan, almond and mocha. Chewy tannins frame this full-bodied and rich expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### BLEND

97% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Malbec

### FERMENTATION

14–17 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;  
pumped over twice daily

### BARREL AGING

20 months in French and  
Hungarian oak; 34% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.4%

BRIX | 25.9

PH | 3.70

TA | 6.3 g/L

### HARVEST DATES

October 10–24, 2019

VINE AGE | 9–29 years

### SOILS

Rocky, iron-rich

### YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre