



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

AN ELEVATED EXPRESSION OF MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The varying and distinctive landscape of the parcels meticulously selected for our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon offer a wine of complexity and incredible breadth. Incorporating a portion of Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine possesses bright acidity and structured mountain tannins, distinct in its ability to be enjoyed at a youthful stage.

2019 VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

“The Ink Grade Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a nose of fresh cassis, pomegranate, and cocoa with elements of thyme, mint, candied orange peels, nutmeg, cloves, and paprika. The palate is linear throughout with a consistent midpalate of bright and lifted acidity and well-integrated raw mountain tannins that close in a persistent finish.”

— Matt Taylor, September 2022

AVA: 87.3% NAPA VALLEY, 12.7% HOWELL MOUNTAIN

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 88.4% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 11.6% MERLOT

AGING: 9 MONTHS (60% IN NEW FRENCH OAK, 40% IN OAK TANK), FOLLOWED BY 26 MONTHS (20% IN OAK TANK, 80% IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 60% NEW)

HARVEST DATE: 9.14.19–10.14.19

ALCOHOL: 14%

VINEYARD BLOCKS: BUDDHA'S BELLY, PUMP HOUSE, TENDERLOIN, UPWARD DESCENT, THIRD CIRCLE, HEAVEN & EARTH

PRODUCTION: 4,880 CASES

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