

ANIMO

MICHAEL MONDAVI FAMILY

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON | NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

The grapes for our Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in the stony, volcanic terroir atop Atlas Peak, at an elevation between 1,270 to 1,350 feet, overlooking the town of Oakville in Napa Valley.

VINTAGE NOTES

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant & expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure, and tannins. Yield size is slightly below average. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture produced an exceptional vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes came into the winery early in the morning and were gently transferred into our Pellenc de-stemmer, known as one of the most precise and gentle tools in the winemaking process. The berries were then transferred into small tanks and allowed to rest for one day prior to commencing with fermentation. Press began and we opted for a short maceration time since the small, mountain berries naturally provide ample intensity of color, tannins, and texture. The wine was then transferred to French oak barrels allowing the classic warmth of barrel aging to ensue.

TASTING NOTES

Bursting with red fruits like raspberry and currants, the aromas are highlighted by hints of violet and vanilla. This Cabernet Sauvignon gracefully envelops the palate with hibiscus, marionberry, and an undertone of earthiness, portobello mushroom, peppery spice, and oak. This wine is approachable in its youth and suitable for several years of aging.

BLEND: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot

AGING: 20 months in French oak (50% new, 50% neutral)

ALCOHOL: 14.6 %; TA 6.0 g/L; pH 3.70

CASES PRODUCED: 904



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