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2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: California (45% Mendocino County, 40% Paso Robles, 15% Lodi)

Varietal: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.5% **TA:** 0.49 **pH:** 3.95

Oak Regimen: 13 Months in 15% one-year old American and French barrels. Balance in neutral barrels.

Vintage Notes: The 2019 crop was about two thirds of what we'd normally experience. The quality, however, was excellent and we were able to make all of the picking decisions on flavor.

Winemaker Notes: I picked all of our fruit for this wine mid-September to the first week of October. All fruit was fermented in stainless steel tanks, pressed, then racked into a mix of barrels. Final blend around December of 2020.

Tasting Notes: Aromas of blackberry and raspberry are accompanied by notes of fragrant lilac and vanilla. Rich and expressive from first sip, this is a food friendly Cabernet Sauvignon that bursts with flavors of juicy plum, black cherry and strawberry, along with a hint of sweet baking spices.



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