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MANCINO
LANCIATORE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: JASON MOULTON

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

COMPOSITION: 99% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
AND 1% PETIT VERDOT

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a long, ideal growing season for our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Bud break began in late March to early April, leading to a Spring that was mild and dry. Flowering proved to be long and gave way to a healthy set of uniform grape clusters. Summer was also quite warm and long, leading to a cooling effect near the end of the season and into Fall. Throughout the vineyard growing season, there were no heat spikes and the temperatures were steady and even-keel. The consistent summer weather encouraged our Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot grapes to ripen in mid-September to late October when they were in perfect balance. The fruit is from our Estate vineyards in Rutherford, St. Helena, and the Oak Knoll District appellations. This 2019 wine was made from hand-selected grapes from our Cabernet Sauvignon small blocks of clone 4, clone 30, and clone 169.

WINEMAKING

The 2019 Mancino Lanciatore is a stunning wine of power and concentration. Its name translated from Italian means “left-handed thrower” and is an ode to our proprietor, Thomas Leonardini, Sr. and several other left-handed Leonardinis. Upon hand harvesting in the early morning hours, our grapes were carefully destemmed and sent to tank for a whole-berry fermentation. The grapes were cold-soaked in tank at 45°F for 4-7 days, allowing for increased color, aroma, and flavor extraction. After inoculation, the grape must (juice, skins, and seeds) fermented at 82°F, which allowed for a hot extraction on the skins. For fermentation cap management, the juice was pumped over the skins two times per day, wetting the cap evenly for a nice healthy fermentation. After fermentation and pressing, the wine was sent to 60% new French oak, 40% neutral oak barrels, aging for 26 months. The final blend for the 2019 Mancino Lanciatore is 99% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Verdot. At bottling, this wine was unfinned and unfiltered.

NOTES

The 2019 Mancino Lanciatore offers a powerful expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. On the nose, it's enticing and fragrant, bursting with fresh blueberries, blackberry tart, cedar, black olives, and hints of spicebox. Its palate provides big, round chewy tannins, sweet ripe black cherries, blackberry cordial, Bourbon-soaked maraschino cherries, maple roasted walnuts, and a touch of vanilla. This wine has big shoulders and we recommend decanting for a few hours before enjoying or cellar for 15-20 years.

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