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2019

NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

LEONARDINI
VINEYARD

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a long, ideal growing season for our Leonardini Vineyard 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 grapes to ripen in mid-September to late October when they were in perfect balance. This 2019 wine was made from hand-selected grapes from our small blocks of clone 8, clone 685 and clone 412 Cabernet Sauvignon in our Leonardini Vineyard.

WINE

Upon hand harvesting in the early morning hours, our Cabernet Sauvignon was 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 with a select yeast, the grape must (juice, skins and seeds) fermented at 82°F, which allowed for a hot extraction on the skins. For fermentation cap management, we pumped juice 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 75% new French oak, 25% neutral French oak barrels, aging for 26 months. The final blend for the Leonardini Vineyard is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

NOTES

This 2019 Leonardini Vineyard is a powerful example of Cabernet Sauvignon from this stunning St. Helena AVA location. It begins on the nose with brambly black fruit, crème de cassis, dark chocolate and a touch of cedar. Its balance and mid-palate are most notable, providing long, plush tannins alongside its dense fruit character. On the palate, it delivers rich, sweet black fruits, blueberry cobbler, blackberry jam, cola, graphite and toasted walnuts. The beautiful underlying tannin structure, complexity and ample fruit will evolve over time and age gracefully for 10-15 years.

WINEMAKER: Jason Moulton

APPELLATION: St. Helena, Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.9

