



2019 ONDA NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage Notes

The winter and early spring brought plentiful rain to the Napa Valley. A dry April was followed by one of the wettest May's on record, topping off soils again. The moist soils meant the vines had access to nutrients in the soil, especially potassium. This resulted in full canopies and softer acidity in the wine. The cooler weather through mid-summer slowed shoot growth and delayed veraison by a few weeks. In mid-August the season warmed with 90-100F temperatures through the end of September. This allowed the vines to catch up with sugar and color accumulation after the cool wet start to the season. A perfect October allowed the fruit to ripen to optimal maturity without the threat of rain or heat spikes. The 2019 wines reflect the vintage with opulent fruit, silky tannins, and savory structured finish.

Harvest and Aging

Our Crystal Springs vineyard makes up the backbone of the 2019 Onda Cabernet Sauvignon. The harvest at Crystal began on September 30th with vines well drained soils on the Southwest portion of the vineyard. Harvest concluded at Crystal a week later from the steepest portion at the NE corner. The Petit Verdot was harvested next on October 7th. Lotus was harvested next on October 14th. Helms and Hershey were harvested in the same window from October 14th through the 23rd. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in oak and concrete tanks. The Cabernet Franc was co-fermented with Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines were pressed directly to barrels and malolactic was native. Aging took place in a mix of new and used French oak barriques and 500L puncheons.

Tasting Notes

The 2019 Onda Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of blackberries, baking spice, and plum tart. Intermingled with the fruit are notes of coffee and a hint of graphite. Rich fruit with dense flavors of black cherries, plums, and currants layer with graphite and a briny minerality. The velvety mid-palate transitions to flavors of black truffle, brioche, and blackberry on the finish. The predominantly hillside provenance of the grapes lend a broad mouth coating tannin backbone. The touch of Cabernet Franc brings complexity with hints of mountain sage and lilacs. The Petit Verdot brings depth to the tannins and a hint of blueberries. While inviting now, this wine will grow in complexity as it continues to age. Enjoy now through 2040 and beyond.

Statistics

63% Crystal Springs Vineyard
20% Hershey Vineyard
9% Lotus Vineyard
8% Helms Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.0%

Titrateable Acidity: 5.4 g/l

Blend: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, & 1% Petit Verdot

pH: 3.84

Ageing: 21 months in 65% new French Oak Barrels

Bottling Date: July 16, 2021

Barrel Coopers: Demptos, Taransaud, Sylvain Ermitage, Stockinger, Artisan

Production: 1929 cases