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Wine Spectator

Napa Valley CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

"This classically built Cabernet is slow to reveal itself, but finally shows its core sweetness wound around a mineral structure enhanced by notes of wild chapparal."

- Nigel Kinsman, winemaker

TASTING NOTES

The dynamic aromas of this wine display gorgeous notes of rose, fennel, tar, graphite, earthy loam, dusty cocoa, and bay laurel; as the wine evolves in the glass, the aromas become even more floral and savory. In the mouth, big, bright flavors of this balanced, multi-layered wine enliven the palate, showing structure, density, freshness and nuanced power, and finishing with long, gravelly tannins.

PHILOSOPHY

Accendo Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon is an uber blend utilizing impeccable fruit from superior vineyard sites, fashioned in a winemaking style that emphasizes elegance, balance, freshness and finesse. It is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley terroir.

VINEYARDS

Our core Cabernet vineyards are located in the "Gold Coast" of the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, viewed by most locals as the location of Napa Valley's finest sites for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon: Vine Hill Ranch, M-Bar Ranch, Sleeping Lady. These core vineyards are complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Ecotone, Terravina at Upper Range, Diamond Mountain. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing season began with copious rainfall during the winter months that kept temperatures on the cool side and helped saturate soils, refill reservoirs and recharge groundwater basins. Unusually high amounts of rain in May made getting tractors into the vineyards a challenge and delayed budbreak for several weeks. Finally, warmer and drier weather arrived in June and as crews opened up the rapidly growing canopies, the young grape clusters revealed themselves to be a good set. Summer remained sunny but mild and vines ripened their crop without environmental stress during the overall cool season; August finally brought much needed heat that continued into September, but cool evenings kept acidities fresh, providing excellent conditions for ripening. All the grapes were hand-harvested in the cool pre-dawn hours and were brought to the winery in perfect condition for crush.

VARIETAL BLEND

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot

HAND HARVESTED

September 23rd - October 25th

WINEMAKING

Aged in new and used French oak barrels for 26 months.

ALCOHOL

PRODUCTION

14.8%

848 cases

