

HEIMARK

VINEYARD

2019 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



HARVEST NOTES

2019 got off to a good start with a very wet winter. At Heimark, this meant the vineyard went for almost the entire season without any supplemental irrigation. As the rain continued into spring, however, we faced the proverbial “too much of a good thing,” sparking concerns about fruit set and other wet-weather challenges. When mid-summer arrived without the usual heatwaves, we battle vine canopies that just didn’t want to stop growing. Finally in August there was enough heat to calm the growth and push the fruit towards ripening.

In the end, yields were slightly above the normal production level for the vineyard, and the blocks used for our wine were harvested in the last weeks of September, with all the fruit safely in the winery before the significant heat and wind events that October brought to the region.

TASTING NOTES

The aromatics of the 2019 Heimark Cabernet Sauvignon are slow to unfold. Yet after some time in the glass, notes of anise, clove, wild thyme, and dusty dried sage emerge, giving way to a strong vein of minerality that, in turn, ushers in dark, brooding aromas of blackberry and mulberry.

On the palate, inky black fruit with beads of bright acidity draws you in, and the tannins, so refined, melt away quietly. This vintage is, at its core, balanced and without any sharp edges, a wine of quiet confidence, of pure elegance and poise. The acidity fits meticulously within the frame of the wine, each moment leading effortlessly into the next, each sip revealing another layer of its sophisticated and graceful personality. The pedigree of this site is apparent, and even in its youth, it is clear that the 2019 Heimark is an instant classic

The wine is delicious now with decanting and is beautifully proportioned to reward aging for ten to twenty years.

97 POINTS – Antonio Galloni, Vinous

“The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon comes across as quite closed following its bottling a few months ago. This feels a bit lighter than the 2019, Some of that may be attributable to the year, or perhaps a shift to one of the blocks on the property with Clone 337 Cabernet, which often yields wines with red/purplish fruit character and pronounced floral nuances. That’s not a bad thing though, as the 2019 is an especially refined, understated wine. I imagine it will come alive beautifully with a few years in bottle. My most recent tasting suggest that is already starting to happen. The 2019 is a total stunner!” (Jan 2022)

2019 VINTAGE INFORMATION

Harvest Date: September 24-30, 2019

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date: November 3, 2022

Alcohol: 14.8%

Sourcing: Heimark Family Vineyard

Wine Produced: 563 cases