



# 2019 Napa Valley CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. This bottling is made exclusively with Napa Valley fruit from both vineyards owned by the Rombauer family as well as carefully selected sites from some of the region's top growers.

## VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from vineyards in the St. Helena, Calistoga, Oakville, Stags Leap District, and Atlas Peak AVAs.

## WINEGROWING

Heavy rains in March and April replenished reservoirs and led to healthy vine growth which we managed through leafing and cluster thinning. Weather during the summer and fall was moderate. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. The fruit was handpicked at dawn and sorted in the vineyard.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. A cold soak extracted color and flavor before a combination of tank and barrel fermentation was used to provide richer, more textured palate. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

## TASTING NOTES

The color is intense and beautiful, almost black with purple, reddish hues. Aromas of black cherry, cassis, piecrust, spice, and mint mingle and leap from the glass. The palate is full and concentrated with similar aromas but also featuring

black currant and sweet red cherry with the mild presence of oak, seamlessly integrated. Signature finely structured tannins and a balanced acidity give way to a long finish which continues to build after that last sip.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite Joy of Cooking® pairings\* for this wine include Braised Short Ribs, Lasagna Bolognese, and Pan Roasted Rack of Lamb. \*Recipes for pairing may be found in *the Joy of Cooking*.

RELEASE DATE	March 2022
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	93% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Petit Verdot 4% Cabernet Franc
HARVESTED	Oct. 3-28th, 2019
AVG BRIX AT HARVEST	26.2
COOPERAGE	17 months in French oak (65% new)
ALCOHOL	14.8%

