

# ALMACERRO

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2019

## ESTATE VINEYARD PROPRIETARY RED WINE

BLEND	38% Merlot 35% Cabernet Sauvignon 27% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	14.7%
FERMENTATION	30% Stainless Steel Tank 70% French Oak Puncheons
HARVEST DATES	Sept 11th through Oct 10th 2019
OAK MATURATION	30% New Oak 22-23 months in oak
BOTTLED	Aug 20th, 2021

### TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Proprietary Red Wine is an aromatic and refined expression of Howell Mountain. Fennel pollen and floral notes of rose petals, orange blossoms, and white flowers give way to fresh, fleshy summer fruits muddled with cherries, blueberries and pomegranates. The long, fine-grained tannins are layered, evoking crushed oyster shells, pine forest brine, and fresh cracked pepper with underlying notes of clove, nutmeg, and dusty cocoa. Racy energy opens the wine and brings warmth to a cool spring evening. Open now for a fresh youthful mountain red or tuck away in the cellar for a few more years to allow the wine to fully embrace the forest surrounds.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A second season of plenty on the mountain, the 2019 vintage began with a fortuitously wet winter and early spring which gave way to a warm, mild growing season resulting in another idyllic vintage in Napa Valley. Deeply soaking rains in early January and February replenished the vines and soil; an early indication of a generous crop. A cool start to spring and rain in mid-May helped to develop a strong canopy which would come to provide pivotal protection during the warmer summer months. Bloom in June was picturesque with the morning fog rolling through the vines before dissipating to leave warm afternoons and the sound of bird chatter in the vineyard. The Labor Day heat was intense but short lived with cool mornings returning to help develop flavor and balance alongside tannins and sugar in the fruit. Harvest at the estate was bountiful with the fruit reaching its peak maturity, beginning in mid-September with the Merlot. The Cabernet Franc followed a week after with the last blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon picked on October 10th.

