

ALMACERRO

2019

ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLEND	93% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	14.7%
FERMENTATION	95% Stainless Steel Tank 5% French Oak Puncheons
HARVEST DATES	Sept 11th through Oct 10th 2019
OAK MATURATION	80% New Oak 22-23 months in oak
BOTTLED	Aug 20th, 2021

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Almacerro Cabernet Sauvignon is distinctly Howell Mountain with its powerful dark fruit and savory herbal spices. The nose is reminiscent of dusk in winter on the peaks of Howell Mountain; fresh, clean, gripping, and constantly evolving. Notes of woody fir, wild sage, tarragon, red fruits, black licorice, rose petal and minty bay laurel are grounded by fresh loamy earth and crushed gravel. Well integrated, tight, and fine-grained tannins will reward those that are patient. There is a gravitas to this wine that places it solidly on Howell Mountain.

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.

