



SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS

2019 JFC SIGNATURE

VINTAGE: Fifth

COMPOSITION: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Tannat, 15% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley

VINEYARD: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981

OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD: 2 – 20+ Years

PRODUCTION: 500 Cases

PRICE: \$110 / 750ml SOS Only

VINEYARD BLOCKS: Caldwell 10, 14, 17 and Upper Range

YIELD: 3.2 Tons per Acre on Average

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 24 Years

GRAPE VARIETIES: See Composition Section

CLONES: Multiple

ROOTSTOCK: Multiple

HARVEST DATES: Multiple

VINTAGE SUMMARY: The 2019 growing season, much like 2018, was ideal for almost every varietal, clone, rootstock, and age group of vine. It season started very, very late, which risked running out of time to fully ripen the fruit, but the season turned out magically long, temperate, and devoid of rain and heat spikes during critical phenological ripening steps. Mother Nature provided winemakers and vineyard managers very little stress, while perfectly stressing the fruit. 2019 will go down in history as one of the highest quality vintages of all time. Every wine in our lineup has a backbone of structure, power, and verve, yet is also strongly defined by varietal purity and elegance.

FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel

YEAST: Multiple

ML BACTERIA: Multiple

WOOD ORIGIN: New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

AGING: 100% French Oak, 60% New, for 18 Months

FINING: None

FILTERING: Filtered

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

BOTTLED ON: May 3, 2021

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES: A Bordeaux-style blend, but with a healthy spike of Tannat, the 2019 JFC Signature is the yin to our 2019 JFC Maverick's yang. While the Maverick provides more immediate drinkability to the lineup, the Signature is designed to be more structured and age-worthy. The old vine Merlot and Cabernet Franc provide a broad base with even-keeled fruit weight and texture, while the Block 20 and Upper Range blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon add structure and balance. The unique Tannat addition provides tension and verve to the blend, while also creating the Signature's long, bright, and structured finish.