

2019
MAVERICK
RED

CALDWELL
(38° 17' N. Latitude, 122° 14' W. Longitude)

SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS

2019 MAVERICK

VINTAGE: Fourth

COMPOSITION: Maverick's Secret

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley

VINEYARD: Caldwell and Kreuzer

OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD: 2–15 Years

PRODUCTION: 506 Cases

PRICE: \$110 / 750ml SOS Only

BLOCK: Caldwell 15, 10, Kreuzer 1 and 2

YIELD: 3.0 Tons per Acre on Average

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 30 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. The season started very, very late, and it set us up for a potentially devastatingly short growing season. However, the season turned out magically long, temperate, and void 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 and abundant vintages of all time. Every wine in our lineup has a backbone of structure, power, and verve but are strongly defined by varietal purity and elegance.

FERMENTATION VESSEL: Stainless and French Oak

YEAST: Multiple

ML BACTERIA: Multiple

WOOD ORIGIN: New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

AGING: 100% French Oak, 80% New, for 2 Years

FINING: None

FILTERING: None

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

BOTTLED ON: May 4, 2021

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES: Much like the previous vintage of Caldwell's Maverick, the 2019 explodes with aromatics of ripe blueberries, crème de frambois, and Madagascar vanilla beans. In typical Maverick fashion, the palate is hedonistic and juicy, with loads of dense blue and black fruits, milk chocolate, and baking spices. Holding it all together is a high volume of very fine tannin which last for minutes without a hint of bitterness on a finish of sweet French oak.