

2019 SIGNATURE GOLD

BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Fifteenth
Composition:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
Clones:	Multiple
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 9, 16, 17, 18
Yield:	3.5 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	25 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	Multiple
Harvest Date:	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:	Stainless
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	80%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Unfiltered
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottled on:	August 7, 2021

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Caldwell Signature Gold – our flagship Cabernet Sauvignon from 2019 is overwhelmed with aromatics of Crème de Cassis, electric blue fruits, and purple flowers. All-spice plus a hint of star anise, cola, and pencil lead envelop the core fruit aromatics. A breadth of dark fresh blueberries leads into a dense cola-berried mid palate. Texture feels more layered and denser this year, potentially due to the length of the growing season, and cooler temperatures providing healthier acidity relative to previous years. 1-2 years in the cellar will be rewarded as the powerful and ultra-fine high volume tannins mellow out just a little, but this classic Napa Cabernet will age gracefully for 20+ years without any wrinkles.

Cellaring:	2 – 30 Years
Production:	500 Cases
Price:	\$225 / 750ml