

2019 SIGNATURE PLATINUM

BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Ninth
Composition:	Winemaker's Secret
Clones:	338
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	Caldwell 18, Upper Range F12
Yield:	3.5 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	N/A Years
Grape Varieties:	Winemaker's Secret
Rootstock:	3309 and 101-14
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 and French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	50%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Unfiltered
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottled on:	August 18, 2021

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Our 2019 Platinum stands alone at the top of our 2019 line-up with its wholly lifted and pure spirit. Off the bat, the wine is intensely reminiscent of cassis and graphite. 2019 Platinum's ultra-floral nose is encircled with bright notes of blueberry, white chocolate, and primary red and black fruits which come across ever so slightly candied. Overall, the palate is graceful and supported by finessed fruit intensity. The vintage being a relatively cool year, like 2018, provides tension and verve with a bright dose of acidity, while a profusion of oak drives straight through the mid palate. Depth and concentration of the post-mid palate fruit weight leads into an abundance of super fine grit tannins which carry the finish for over five minutes. This wine is a cofermentation of our Upper Range block and matching clone of Caldwell fruit.

Cellaring:	4 – 30 Years
Production:	74 Cases
Price:	\$300 / 750ml

