

VARIETAL COLLECTION
Cabernet Sauvignon

BY CALDWELL
2019

Vintage: Second
Composition: 99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Carménère
Clones: 337, 341, and 169
Appellation: Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Vineyard Blocks: Caldwell 16 and 18
Yield: 3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age: 15 Years
Grape Variety: See Composition Section
Rootstock: 3309 and a Mix
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 Steel
Yeast: Multiple
ML Bacteria: Multiple
Wood Origin: French Oak (Jupilles and Bercé)
Aging: 100% Terra Cotta Amphora for 18 Months
Fining: None
Filtering: Unfiltered
Alcohol: 15.1%
Bottling Date: June 8, 2021

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: I was asked to make another Cabernet Sauvignon from the property, so in order to make it unique and special, I dug deep into some elevage strategies I employed at some of my previous projects — Amphora. This wine was not fermented in Amphora, however, it was brought from its nascent stages to bottle in Amphora. This allows the wine to express the purity of the varietal and location, without the impact and sweetness of wood. The wine in glass ends up with clear Cabernet Sauvignon expression, elevated by the pitcher or two of Carmenere I put into the final tank. The palate has laser beam focus and purity of fruit that stands out as a unique new icon in the lineup.

Cellaring: Now – 25 Years
Production: 56 Cases
Price: \$165 / 750ml

