

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Malbec

2019

Vintage:	Third
Composition:	98% Malbec, 2% Merlot
Clone:	595
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 18 and 19
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	19 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	3309
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. It 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:	French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	60%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Unfiltered
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottling Date:	June 8, 2021

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The Caldwell Varietal Collection Malbec hasn't been made for years here at the ranch, and Marc's not sure why. Malbec grows wonderfully here in our cooler part of the valley. He chose only the two best barrels for the 2019 blend, and they show a more serious side of Malbec instead of the typical confectionary red and blue fruits. The French oak encompasses a dense core of pure blueberries and a cola-berry-like sweetness. The entry is unctuous and expands across the palate, and is followed by a surprisingly bright Rainier cherry high tone which lingers for minutes.

Cellaring:	Now – 8 Years
Production:	50 Cases
Price:	\$125/750ml

