



PLAYING WITH FIRE

NAPA VALLEY RED BLEND

2019



2019 VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season in Northern California was what many would consider a near-perfect “classic” vintage. The vines soaked up every inch of the extremely heavy rainfall we received in March and April. Robust cover crops flourished between the vineyard rows and enriched the soil with plenty of nutrients. Late rains in May, followed by summer heat, caused the canopies to push heavily in June and July. Experienced hands in the vineyard rallied to manage their vigorous growth. We saw only a few heat spikes throughout the warm summer months, giving us extended hang time on the vine. The harvest provided grapes with great color, balanced structure and brilliant acidity.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Playing with Fire is deep and bold with expressive aromas that explode out of the glass. Plenty of ripe summer fruit that mingles beautifully with fennel, black strap molasses and chicory. Give your glass a swirl to release the secondary aromas of baking spice, clove and sandalwood. The first sip is a burst of ripe berries, tart red cherry, red licorice and boysenberry. As the wine opens up, notes of toasted vanilla, sassafras, and root beer reveal themselves. A lingering, youthful finish with soft integrated tannins and balanced acidity. While juicy and vibrant in its youth, this complex, multi-layered wine can settle in the cellar and age gracefully for many years ahead. Aged with a little time in the cellar, but this wine is ready to play right now.

Vintage: 2019

Appellation: 100% Napa Valley

Varietal: 62% Malbec, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Malbec

Cooperage: 100% French oak, 55% new, 45% 2-Year French oak

Production: 1395 cases