

LAUREL GLEN

Vineyard

2019 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SONOMA MOUNTAIN



APPELLATION:
Sonoma Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon,
100% Estate Grown

CASE PRODUCTION:
623 – 9L cases

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PERCENT NEW OAK:
55% New,
100% Tonellerie Taransaud

THE STORY

Laurel Glen Vineyard faces east, above the fog line. This optimal exposure captures the first rays of morning sunlight and avoids the burning heat of late afternoon. The thin, rocky soils promote efficient drainage and restrain vigor.

The vineyard earned CCOF Organic Certification in 2014, thanks to the efforts of Viticulturist Phil Coturri. In addition to developing a comprehensive schedule of cover crops, he has updated the vineyard's trellising system and pruning practices to achieve more even ripening and concentration in the grapes.

VINTAGE NOTES

We are sometimes blessed with more than one exceptional vintage in a row here in Sonoma County, and 2019 is a perfect example; An excellent year coming on the heels of the exceptional 2018 vintage. What makes a great vintage you ask? Mother Nature! We had perfect grape growing weather in 2019. The days were warm but not excessively so and the nights were cooler than they've been in many summers, allowing for slow, even ripening.

We picked a larger than average-sized crop of 30 tons between September 27th and October 8th. The size of our harvest was unusual for 2019. Many wineries suffered low yields due to drought conditions. However, years spent farming organically and building the tilth of the soil really paid off for us in 2019.

TASTING NOTES

"Very fresh and delicious, raspberry yogurt, strawberry-rhubarb, crème brûlée. Sweet ripe fruit in the mouth, more red fruit than black, ripe but in the raspberry and strawberry realm. Great acidity and energy!" - Randall Watkins, Winemaker

RECENT PRESS

"A pure, 100% cabernet that offers the deliciousness of the vintage, yet is backed by the good, firm balance for which this forty-year-old estate is known. It's full-bodied, elegant and ageworthy. Black cherries, blueberries, dark chocolate, savory forest notes and cocoa, with a lingering creme de cassis finish." – 94 points, *James Suckling*