



Girard

2019 ARTISTRY

NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The year started out with ample rainfall which kept the soils moist and cool into spring. Summer was marked by warm, even daytime temperatures with few extreme heat spikes. The opportune weather conditions continued into late summer and fall. The harvest was of average volume, if not slightly below average, and the fruit quality was exceptional; allowing us to craft wines with vibrant acidity, texture, structure, and finesse.

VINEYARD NOTES

We source Cabernet Sauvignon from St. Helena, Oakville, Diamond Mountain and Pope Valley, areas for our Artistry blend, treasured for their ability to offer ripe tannins and bold flavors. Merlot from Yountville and Rutherford lends lush texture and black fruit flavors, while Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot from Pope Valley provide floral aromatics and layered fruit flavors. Petit Verdot is often the latest ripening variety, and it contributes to the palate weight, tannin structure and floral aromatics of the final blend. The mélange of fruit, hailing from both hillside and valley floor vineyards unites in a singular, focused expression.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Artistry red wine is taut and focused with crushed raspberry, red cherry, mocha, and crushed rock minerality the nose. The palate is refined with bold tannins and racy fruit flavors framed in oak toast and baking spice which carry all the way through the long finish.

ABOUT THIS WINE

For over four decades Girard has produced a “red wine” blend from our best barrel lots. In 2003 we found a fitting name for this blend that promotes the artistic side of winemaking. It is in the blending process that we feel “Artistry” finds its best representation.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION Napa Valley | **OAK AGING** 18 months in French oak, 45% new

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **pH** 3.79 | **TA** 6.1 g/L | **RESIDUAL SUGAR** 1.38 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 1,975 cases