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2019 MOUNTAIN CUVÉE Cabernet Sauvignon, 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 texture, structure, and finesse.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Mountain Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon blend is our opportunity to showcase the varied mountain sources located within Napa Valley that make it such a unique growing region. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were sourced from Diamond Mountain, Mt. Veeder, Atlas Peak, and Howell Mountain AVAs, while the Cabernet Franc came from Spring Mountain and Malbec from Diamond Mountain. Combined, these varieties and vineyards bring depth and complexity to this singular expression of Napa's finest Mountain appellations.

TASTING NOTES

Rich ruby purple in the glass, this Mountain grown Cuvee reveals aromas of brooding black plum, bramble, dried herbs, and graphite. Fullbodied and juicy on the palate, flavors of red raspberry jam, blackberry and plum mingle with baking spices, mocha, and vanilla scented oak influences, while the long finish is punctuated by bold, velvety tannins.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec Appellation Napa Valley | Aging 20 months in French oak, 65% new Alcohol 14.9% | pH 3.7 | TA 5.7 g/L | RS .4 g/L | Production 193 cases