



# *Girard*

## 2019 MALBEC 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

Sourced predominantly from Yountville, this Malbec has also been a historic element in our Artistry red blend for over a decade. Each year we're impressed with how the vineyard lends juiciness, structure, and an expressive mid-palate to our Artistry blend; it's these same attributes that we feel also make it a lovely varietal wine, and a favorite amongst our Girard staff.

### TASTING NOTES

The nose reveals fresh aromas of black plum, raspberry jam, and hints of cigar box spice. Beautiful dark fruit flavors flood the palate. Supported by velvety tannins and vanilla scented oak toast, the finish is lush and enduring.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 93% Malbec, 6% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot

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

ALCOHOL 14.9% | pH 3.64 | TA 5.6 g/L | RS 1.5 g/L | PRODUCTION 250 cases