



2019 KENEFICK RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Planted on well-drained, alluvial soils at the base of Calistoga's Eastern hills, Kenefick Ranch produces vines of moderate vigor that yield loose clusters with small, concentrated berries. The loamy soil, western exposure and the warmer upper valley climate of this westward-facing vineyard helps us achieve optimal phenolic ripeness. The resulting wines consistently offer a mouthwatering combination of boysenberry and black cherry aromas with fresh fruit flavors that expand and coat the palate, along with density, layers of texture and a juicy finish.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 growing season began with late spring rains during flowering and fruit set. Cover crops between the vines flourished, putting rich nutrients into our soils. Our fruit set itself was lighter than usual, resulting in exceptional concentration and retention of flavor and aromas in our clusters. Mild fall temperatures allowed fruit to mature fully, without being overly tannic nor overly ripe. 2019 was an excellent vintage overall that will continue to impress wine lovers and collectors for years to come.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Our 2019 Kenefick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of blackcurrant, cigar box and lead pencil shavings. On the palate, black cherry and chocolate flavors meld with full-bodied with chewy, yet well-integrated, tannins that coat over the course of a long, even finish. This ageworthy Cabernet will continue develop gracefully over time.

APPELLATION
Calistoga, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(50% new, 50% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
January 2022

HARVEST DATE
September 23, 2019

SKIN CONTACT
22 days

TIME
18 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2016