

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet

Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.8 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 42% new

French oak

VEGAN FRIENDLY



# DISTRICT COLLECTION

50TH ANNIVERSARY
MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2019

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we released a special series of wines that reflect our enduring passion for fine winemaking—rooted in exploration, creativity, and a spirit that continues to define Raymond Vineyards as one of Napa Valley's most iconic and pioneering wineries.

#### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from steep hillside vineyards overlooking Napa Valley, primarily from Spring Mountain. These vines thrive in well-drained Aiken loam soils, contributing to the wine's distinctive character and complexity.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2019 began with heavy rain in February. Additional rain during spring flowering was followed by cool temperatures allowing grapes to mature gradually. Grapes ripened at low sugar levels due to an extended mild growing season with harvest starting one to two weeks later than normal. Grapes displayed full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance.

## CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand harvested in the early morning hours of October 23 before going through extended maceration with the fruit on skins for 51 days. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 42% new Taransaud French oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

#### WINE PROFILE

Enticing aromas of dark cocoa, savory herbs, ripe raspberry, and a touch of cracked pepper draw you in. On the palate, layers of juicy blackberry and lush plum unfold, accented by hints of cassis, baking spice, and dark chocolate. Silky tannins and vibrant acidity carry through to a smooth, lingering finish with remarkable depth and finesse.