



DISTRICT COLLECTION
50TH ANNIVERSARY
VALLEY VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2019



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley
 VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
 ALCOHOL: 15% by vol.
 pH: 3.87
 TA: 5.5 g/L
 AGING: 19 months in 47% new French oak

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 Valley Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced exclusively from premier vineyards within Napa Valley, including Rutherford, St. Helena, Oak Knoll, and Oakville. This wine is a harmonious blend of these distinctive appellations—each contributing unique characteristics. Rutherford lends its signature dusty tannins and earthy complexity; St. Helena adds ripe, concentrated fruit and structure; Oak Knoll brings freshness and balanced acidity; while Oakville delivers depth, power, and elegance. Together, they create a layered and expressive Cabernet that captures the heart of Napa Valley.

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 between October 11-26 before going through extended maceration with the fruit on skins for an average of 56 days. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 47% new Taransaud, Demptos and Ermitage French oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

WINE PROFILE

This wine opens with alluring aromas of black cherry, cassis, and ripe plum, layered with subtle hints of bay leaf and delicate violet. On the palate, vibrant flavors of juicy blackberry and dark plum take center stage, complemented by nuances of cocoa powder, anise, and a whisper of allspice. Full-bodied and gracefully structured, it offers firm yet polished tannins and a lively, enduring finish that unfolds with depth, elegance, and finesse.