



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: St. Helena,
Napa Valley

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.83

TA: 5.9 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 52%
new French oak



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

DISTRICT COLLECTION

ST. HELENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2019

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from two vineyards located within twenty-five yards of each other in St. Helena. These vineyards have been part of Raymond for over 20 years and are located on gravelly alluvial fan soil with excellent drainage, an essential component in high quality fruit development. The vines are less vigorous in this area of the Napa Valley, producing smaller berries and lower yields, for more concentrated, intense wines with good tannin structure. The wine is produced to showcase the terroir and distinct flavor characteristics of our cherished vineyards.

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

These vines were harvested on October 11 and 17. The grapes were fermented on the skins for a total of 58 days. After extended maceration and fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 100% Taransaud, Baron and Ermitage French oak barrels.

WINE PROFILE

Brilliant garnet-purple in color, fresh floral notes spring from the glass with ipe blackberry, blackcurrants and Asian spice. Intense and luscious flavors of raspberry and Bing cherry are layered with chocolate. The mid-palate is beautifully textured with racy tannins and bright acidity. The elegant finish is silky, smooth and lingering.