

# JOSEPH PHELPS

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## Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

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### 2019 Vintage



**TASTING NOTES** A classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with inviting violet, dark fruit, tobacco, subtle baking spice and earthy dried herb aromatics. The palate is filled with expressive black cherry, blackberry and dark plum, hints of spice box and sweet vanilla bean. A focused, concentrated wine with youthful energy and freshness nimbly balanced by supple tannin structure and finesse.

**GROWING SEASON** In 2019, bud break occurred around the same time as 2018 but was delayed compared to our historical averages due to cold, saturated soils from the wet winter. May was cold with an unusual amount of rainfall which delayed bloom in some areas. Canopy management was key in 2019 because of vigorous canopies and moderate temperatures leading to less stress on the vines. July was cooler than average, but August and September warmed to push ripening ahead. Harvest weather patterns remained dry and fruit quality was excellent with well-developed flavors and structure. 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon marks the first vintage to include fruit from the new Joseph Phelps vineyard named El Venadito located in the Oak Knoll District, just south of the winery's Yountville Vineyard.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

##### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

94% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Cabernet Franc  
2% Merlot  
1% Malbec

26% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA  
18% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA  
10% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA  
9% El Venadito — Oak Knoll AVA  
7% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA  
1% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA  
29% Trusted grower fruit

#### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 48% new oak (58% French, 42% American) and 52% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.