



**2019
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY**

The location of Broken Rock Vineyard on the outskirts of the city of Napa is one that our winemaker, Patrick Saboe, describes as “strategically placed.” Situated just off of Silverado Trail at the foot of Atlas Peak, the sloped vineyard enjoys a western exposure with plenty of afternoon sun. This great site helps deliver expressive characteristics to the wines produced from its evenly ripened fruit: balanced proportions of brawny, hillside structure and rich, valley floor fruit, all enabled by the ample sunlight. The strategy of working with Broken Rock Cabernet Sauvignon has proved very successful!

GROWING SEASON

At its outset, 2019 in Napa Valley was all about the rainy weather—large amounts of it that kept soils moist on the Valley floor, though Broken Rock’s combination of hillside terrain and well-drained valley floor soil made the wet weather less of a factor in the following weeks and months. Comparing it to the lush, ripe fruit from the 2018 harvest, Patrick, describes ’19 as “a much more balanced vintage. It had wines that were much lower in quantity, but I think the quality was very high.” He goes on to credit the growing season’s near-perfect conditions, with warm days, cool nights, and no heat spikes throughout. In a word, he refers to 2019 as a “genteel” harvest.

WINEMAKING

PV365’s Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from Broken Rock Vineyard on October 19, 2019. Post-harvest, the grapes went through a three-day cold soak, a 10-day primary fermentation, and then a 14-day extended maceration for color and tannin extraction. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrels before the beginning of 22 months of aging in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The uniquely situated Broken Rock Vineyard is one of southern Napa Valley’s most ideal spots to grow super-concentrated, but balanced, Cabernet Sauvignon. The near-perfect 2019 growing conditions allowed PV365 to bottle such a wine. The Cabernet’s aromas are a complex array of black cherry and cassis, with an intriguing, mineral note of graphite adding even more complexity on the nose. On the palate, a balanced combination of red and black fruits, bright, high-toned acidity, and a long finish framed by smooth, integrated tannins make for a wonderfully expressive Napa Cabernet—another addition to the growing body of PV365 Cabernet sauvignon bottlings!

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: Broken Rock

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: 10/19/19

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.8°

AGING: 22 months in French oak barrels

BLEND: 94.75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot, 0.75% Malbec, 0.5% Cabernet Franc

PH: 3.80

TA: 6.0 g/L

ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Black cherry, graphite, and cassis

FLAVORS: Mix of red and dark fruits, vanilla, and black cherries

PROFILE: This Cabernet Sauvignon is deep red in color, with a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. It has good structure and is rounded out by smooth tannins.
