

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2019 Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Notes of plum and boysenberry jump from the glass with highlights of red fruit aromas. The underpinning of this wine are earthy and mocha-like elements which are typical for Georges III and Rutherford in general. Hints of aged tobacco and cedar add another layer to this wonderfully complex wine. Refreshing and focused on the palate, the wine showcases deep refined tannins with black fruit flavors and a citrus lift. The wine has terrific mid-palate cling and the finish lingers with a loamy, earthy character reminiscent of Mocha Java coffee.

HARVEST 2019

The 2019 growing season started with ample rainfall in the winter months and finished well above average. Wet soil and cool temperatures conspired to delay bud break nearly two weeks later than historical average. Moderate to slightly above average temperatures ensued and the vegetative cycle caught up. Flowering started under ideal conditions but a late May rain event delayed flowering for a week. This had some impact and created some shatter and smaller clusters. These smaller clusters are desirable because they are looser and the smaller the berry, the higher the tendency to yield concentrated and flavorful wines. The remainder of the growing season was largely uneventful. August was largely fog-free, so the nights were warmer and the days sunnier which tended to move photosynthesis and maturation along more quickly. The harvest schedule was mostly routine and rather leisurely with grapes arriving to the winery in pristine condition. The 2019 wines are impressive with excellent color, depth, and precision of site. The polish of the tannins and softer acid profiles will offer early appeal but can certainly hold on for years.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new

Barrel Aged: 20 months

pH: 3.60

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 14.9%

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\$275

