



## 2019 CALLUNA VINEYARDS CUVÉE

The 2019 Calluna Vineyards Cuvée is meant to be an expression of our Chalk Hill appellation where great sunlight and a cool climate produces intense fruit in a wine with balancing acidity, round tannins and moderate alcohol levels. The blend expresses the power of Cabernet Sauvignon, elegance of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, and a bit of showiness from Malbec and Petit Verdot.

*In 2019, the final blend for the Cuvée is comprised of:*

46% Merlot  
24% Cabernet Sauvignon  
17% Cabernet Franc  
8% Malbec  
5% Petit Verdot

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### TECHNICAL DETAILS

*Appellation*  
Chalk Hill

*Harvest dates*

Malbec: September 28, 2019  
Merlot: September 27 & 28, 2019  
Cabernet Franc: September 27 & October 12, 2019  
Cabernet Sauvignon: October 3, 9, 12 & 18, 2019  
Petit Verdot: October 18, 2019

*Winemaking*

Hand-harvested, manually sorted and fermented with a traditional method in open-top tanks with temperature control.

*Cooperage*

21 months in 20% new French oak barrels

*pH*  
3.7

*Alcohol*  
14.3%

*Production*  
1,630 cases

*Release date*  
Fall 2022

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*Vintage*

2019 will be remembered for the unusual heavy rains in May (fortunately just before bloom for us) and for a very good growing season without damaging heat spikes, leading to a relatively late harvest that was large and very high quality. But most etched in our memories is the Kincade fire which burned through Calluna after the harvest on Sunday, November 3. It caused much damage but we are well on our way through recovery. And all our wines were safe and sound. It will be the height of irony if our greatest vintage is 2019, the year of this fire, but this may be the case.

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### ABOUT CALLUNA VINEYARDS

Calluna Vineyards took root in Sonoma County in 2005 with 12-acres in the Chalk Hill appellation planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. From its advantageous hillsides overlooking the Russian River Valley, Chalk Hill is known for its mild climate and soils of clay underlain with fractured shale and sandstone. Five more acres were added in 2014, including Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon destined for our Estate Blanc.

### DAVID A. JEFFREY, *Winemaker and Founder*

After 20 years of studying and collecting the wines of Bordeaux and California, David moved to the West Coast and enrolled in Fresno State's Enology program in 2001. Determined to make his dream a reality, David spent 3½ years studying winemaking and grape growing as he completed his degree and worked at Chateau Quinault in Bordeaux, France.