



2019 CALLUNA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

As the flagship of the winery, Calluna Estate is selected from the best lots of our hillside vineyards in the Chalk Hill AVA in the heart of Sonoma County. Our vineyards rest at an ideal elevation in this moderate growing area — allowing full ripening with less extremes of frost and heat. Our goal is to deliver both the classic balance of Old World wines and the richness inherent in our Sonoma terroir. Each of the 12 blocks are fermented separately and then evaluated with blending trials after their first 5 months in barrel.

In 2019, the final blend for the Estate is comprised of:

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

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

14.1%

Production

777 cases

Release date

Spring 2023

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.

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.