



# ODE TO THE BEAST

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
ALEXANDER VALLEY



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BOLD. UNAPOLOGETIC. WE DEEPLY RESPECT A TRULY COMPELLING CABERNET SAUVIGNON FOR ITS BOLDNESS, FULL-FLAVOR AND BEST EXPRESSION OF THE LAND. OUR 'ODE TO THE BEAST' IS A TRIBUTE TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN FOR US, BOLD CABERNET FROM THE ALEXANDER VALLEY. THIS SMALL-LOT ALEXANDER VALLEY CABERNET WAS CRAFTED WITH A BORDERLINE OBSESSIVE ATTENTION TO DETAIL, WITH ONLY THE BEST BARRELS SELECTED. OUR MOST BEASTLY WINE, IT IS MADE ONLY FOR THE BOLD AT HEART.

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## OUR THOUGHTS

Our inaugural release Ode to the Beast Cabernet Sauvignon opens with intense aromas of wild berries, dark plum, and vanilla spice. The palate offers complex, layered flavors of black currant, dusty dark chocolate, toasted oak, black olive and tobacco. Bold tannins are softened by a rich mouthfeel and a smooth, lingering finish. Enjoy now or cellar for 10+ years for additional complexity.

## 2019 VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started later than usual in many California wine regions. A wet spring followed by cool temperatures allowed the grapes to mature gradually. Cool temperatures continued throughout the growing season resulting in longer hang time and lower sugar yields. Vintners are praising the full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance of the 2019 vintage.

## VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Beast Cabernet Sauvignon is made from the best vineyard sites within the steep hillsides of Alexander Valley. The region's low-vigor, volcanic soils coupled with the balance of warm days and cool nights provide intense and concentrated fruit. The fruit was harvested on October 18, 2019, then fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks where it was cold-soaked and pumped over once a day for several days. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was transferred to barrel and stirred weekly until malolactic fermentation was complete. After 20 months of aging in 85% new French oak, our winemaker chose only the best barrels for the final blend.

## COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

*78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot*

*Sur lie aged in French oak for 20 months (85% new)*

*Titrateable Acidity: 5.85 g/L | pH: 3.77 | Alcohol by Volume: 15.5%*

*Cases Produced 353*