

2019 THE GRADE CELLARS "Winfield Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley | Calistoga Sub-AVA

Proprietors: Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton

Winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown

Release Date: March 2022

Release Price: \$110 retail per 750ml

Vineyard: Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown)

Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA

Harvest Date: Blocks 1 & 5 – October 25, 2019

Vines: Block 1 – Clone 7 on R/S 110R; Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4

Cooperage: 100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (60% new)

Aging: 19 months; Bottled June 6, 2021

Panel: 14.5% Alcohol; 3.87 pH; 6.0 g/L Titratable Acidity

Production: 200 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"From this exceptional growing season comes a dark, complex Cabernet Sauvignon with all the hallmark notes this gently sloping site has to offer. In the glass, the wine exhibits a nearly opaque dark purple hue in the glass.

"Intense aromas can be detected from an arm's reach away, marked by notes of black licorice, currant paste and peppermint. The palate expresses dense layers of cocoa, macerated blackberry, nutmeg, and plum reduction. The wine shows a medium-plus tannin structure, balanced out by a concentrated, dark fruit mid-palate core.

"The lengthy finish has airy notes of violet and lavender. With a few hours in a decanter or 3-5 years in a cellar, this wine will reveal its truest colors, surely leaving a long-lasting impression."

-- Thomas Rivers Brown

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