

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Clonal Selection: 337, 4, 400 (petit verdot), 214 (cabernet franc)
- Rootstock: 110r, 3309
- Plant Date: 2002, 2004, 2007
- Soils: Guenoc Rock Outcrop Complex, Haire Loam, Haire Clay Loam and Sobranate Loam
- Exposure: Southwestern exposure
- Trellis: Bilateral Cordon
- Yield: 4.38 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

2019 was truly a remarkable year that may in time prove to be the standout vintage of the decade. The season began with steady winter precipitation and cool springtime temperatures helping preserve soil moistures throughout much of the growing season. After a rare May rainstorm, warm and dry conditions followed providing an optimal bloom and fruit set. The mild temperatures over the summer allowed grapes to ripen slowly and develop their phenolics gradually on the vine, a welcome sign for our team. After the record-breaking 2018 crop, 2019 came in much closer to historical averages. Harvest kicked off September 6 and lasted seven weeks, within its typical timeframe, bringing in fruit with exceptional energy, precision, purity of flavors, and superb balance.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest dates: October 24 - 26

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed top, stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 30 day total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Gentle pumpovers and delestage
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 96% new
- Coopers: Darnajou, Taransaud, Boutes, Leroi, Baron, La Grange, Marchive, Vicard
- Varietal Composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2021

### NOTES

The unique volcanic soil composition of this site is exhibited in this cabernet's mineral texture and intensely structured palate. Our latest release from the exceptional 2019 vintage presents a deep purple rim surrounding an opaque garnet core with an abundance of aromas emerging from black currant and dark cherry to crème de cassis and tobacco leaf. Both graceful and bold on the palate, the silky tannins are balanced by pulsing acidity that brings tension and focus throughout. Notes of boysenberry are interspersed with accents of sweet thyme against a backdrop of graphite, adding to the long finish and layers of complexity.