

2019 ABREU Cappella

ST HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

Cappella is located on the west side of St. Helena just south of Madrona Ranch. This historic vineyard was originally planted to grapes in the late 1800's. After several years of being fallow, David assumed control of this narrow site and planted it to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Even though Cappella is a perfect rectangle, we make several passes through the vineyard and embrace the inherit differences within the four corners.

COMPOSITION: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

PICK DATES: Sept 30, Oct 3, 5

PRODUCTION: 12 Barrels

BOTTLED: January 2022

RELEASE DATE: August 2023

WINEMAKER: Brad Grimes

PROPRIETOR: David Abreu

Harvest began on September 30 with a careful selection of Cabernet Sauvignon primarily from the rockiest and hottest sections of the vineyard . This first small tank always provides the signature thread of gravelly tannin to the wine. Flavors progressed quickly in the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot in 2019. Typically picked at the end of harvest, the bulk of these two varieties was picked on October 3 along with a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon. This unique co-fermentation added vibrancy and structure that elevates the tone of the blend. The final pass through the vineyard on October 7 captured the remaining Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot—a core fermentation that provided the foundation for the 2019 Cappella. The final blend of 12 barrels is 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Cabernet Franc and 13% Petit Verdot.

