

2019 CALDEIRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



THE WINE:

This micro production Cabernet Sauvignon was created from a six barrel selection hand picked and blended by Marc Gagnon and Brendan Quigley. The wine is sourced entirely from the Caldwell Estate Vineyard in Coombsville, Napa and made by winemaker Marc Gagnon. The blend is 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Carmenere. The wine was aged for 19 months in 50% new French oak. There were 135 cases made, approximately 1,600 bottles. The 2019 vintage for Napa Valley, specifically Coombsville, was magnificent with balanced fruit, and powerfully built wines.

THE ESTATE:

Caldeira is the French term for a crater formed by the eruption and subsequent collapse of the mouth of a volcano. The Coombsville AVA in Napa Valley owes much of its unique terroir to this geologic event. Caldeira wines represent the partnership between Caldwell vineyards and Quigley Fine Wines to showcase small production wines from the unique terroir of Coombsville. Caldwell Vineyard, the source of the fruit for this wine, is planted with specific clones that thrive in this area of Napa Valley. John Caldwell, the owner of Caldwell Vineyards is famous in the Napa Valley wine world, known as “The Smuggler” because of his legendary efforts to bring back rare and sought after clones from Bordeaux to be planted in Napa. His winery and vineyards are truly iconic pieces of Napa Valley history.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: Dark purple-ruby

Aromas: Sweet black currants and cherries with gravel notes, violet flowers, wild sage and hints of vanilla

Flavor & Texture: Ripe and dense black fruits supported by plush, cashmere tannins; the powerful fruit shows nuances of espresso and herbs on the long and layered finish

Food Pairing: Prime, dry aged filet mignon with a green peppercorn sauce

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