

2019 CALDEIRA MALBEC

COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



THE WINE:

A blend of 92% Malbec (clone 595) and 8% Carmenere (clone 2) all from the Caldwell Estate Vineyard. The wine was aged in 50% new French oak for 18 months prior to being bottled. Marc Gagnon made only 62 cases of this unique and very limited wine.

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. Marc Gagnon is the winemaker for Caldeira wines.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: dark violet

Aromas: blackberry preserves, fresh currants, mineral rich soil and hints of cut cedar; hints of dusty cocoa and dried flowers emerge slowly

Flavor & Texture: plush and intense with perfectly ripened blackberries, raspberry tea and silky, elegant tannins

Food Pairing: rosemary, garlic and herb crusted rack of lamb

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