PURLIEU

The 2019 Napa Valley vintage is among the best of recent memory. The growing season began auspiciously with generous rainfall and mild temperatures, and continued with warm and uneventful summer weather that allowed clusters ample time to ripen. Abundant hang time and a lack of extreme heat events preserved the fruit's freshness and finesse, while coaxing out great color, rich fruit and fully mature tannins. The 2019 wines offer a wonderfully bright acidity, expressive aromatics, and complex texture.

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

Ripe and aromatic, the 2019 Purlieu Sugarloaf Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon shows off the unique complexity of southern Napa Valley terroir. The nose is rich with dark red fruit aromas, stony minerality and the gentle warmth of dried oregano. In the mouth, bright cherry and ripe blue fruits weave a nuanced tapestry with notes of graphite, mocha, and toasted fennel seed. Fine, elegant tannins and a slippery mouthfeel carry the wine into a long, sweet finish of caramelized cherries and baking spice.

97+ POINTS

"Another tour de force is the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Sugarloaf Vineyard, a full-bodied, powerful, structured 2019. Giving up lots of darker cassis and currant fruits as well as damp herbs and violets, it has plenty of mountain-like structure, purity, and focus on the palate. It's certainly approachable today yet deserves 2-4 years in the cellar. It should have 20 years or more of prime drinking."
- Jeb Dunnuck, 97+ points

93+ POINTS

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Sugarloaf charges out of the gate with bombastic notions of crème de cassis, plum preserves and sautéed herbs, plus hints of unsmoked cigars and tilled soil. Full-bodied, rich and packed with savory layers, it has an energizing grainy texture and oodles of freshness, finishing on a lingering herbal note." - Wine Advocate, 93+ points

AVA: Napa Valley
Production: 145 cases
Barrel aging: 22 months
Alcohol: 14.9%
Retail: $165