

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.



2019 PURLIEU CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TEUCER VINEYARD

The volcanic soils of Coombsville's Teucer Vineyard always produce structured Cabernet of wonderful depth and age-worthiness, but the 2019 vintage is already offering extraordinary balance and enjoyment. The nose is dark and impenetrable, with notes of rocky minerals and black fruit. In the mouth, the wine bursts into rich chords of blackberry, boysenberry and sweetened cranberry, with a caramel topnote that warms and brightens the mouthwatering fruit on the mid-palate. The tightly-knit tannin structure is soft and supportive, guiding the long finish of purple fruit and aromatic baking spice.

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"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Teucer Vineyard delivers wonderfully intense scents of blackberry pie, cassis and Morello cherries, plus suggestions of dark chocolate, fruitcake and Chinese five spice. The full-bodied palate is bursting with black fruits, supported by a solid frame of ripe, grainy tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long and spicy." - Wine Advocate, 96 points

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AVA: Coombsville, Napa Valley

Production: 95 cases
Barrel aging: 22 months

Alcohol: 15.2% Retail: \$225 "The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Teucer Vineyard is a big, opulent, fruit-driven wine in the lineup that has plenty of up-front appeal. Showing solid notes of bay leaf, bouquet garni, and some sappy, medicinal herb nuances, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, good mid-palate depth, and outstanding length. It lacks the extra dimension of the top wines here, but it's certainly a satisfying, outstanding effort." - Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points