

VENGE 2019 SILENCIEUX CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY



9 DISTINCT NAPA VALLEY VINEYARDS
VENGE'S CALISTOGA ESTATE "BONE ASH VINEYARD", CALISTOGA
STAGECOAH VINEYARD, ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY
ITTIG VINEYARD, CALISTOGA
RENTERIA'S OAKVILLE 88 VINEYARD, OAKVILLE
STAR VINEYARD, RUTHERFORD
SOMMERSTOM VINEYARD, CHILES VALLEY
OSO VINEYARD, HOWELL MOUNTAIN
DESTIN VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY
SUGARLOAF VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

This will be the first of our Cabernets to be released from the stellar 2019 vintage and it will certainly be a wine that stands among the greats within our history of producing Silencieux Cabernet Sauvignon. What I love most about this wine is its diversity of vineyard selections and the impact upon quality each has on the finished wine.

Wow! This wine is incredibly satisfying to behold as it opens in the glass. Wonderfully aromatic and expressive, the 2019 vintage opens with scents of sweet cassis, anise, blackberries, roasted coffee, blue herbs and barrel vanillin. On the palate, the tannins are firm, upfront and balanced throughout, with all pockets of the mouth left yearning for another sip. Full-bodied and extracted with ripe black fruit, blueberries, charred caramel and a delightful hint of fresh herbs that concentrate into a lengthy finish. This wine is approachable upon release and cellar worthy in proper aging conditions. Best now through 2032.

IN THE VINEYARD

The heart and soul of this wine is its vineyard sourcing. The 2019 vintage, much like the 2018 vintage, was a classic vintage that came in ripe with high degrees brix and concentration. It was a summer without extremes—moderate temperature disparities followed by a slightly reduced year-over-year yield made for a more consistent output than the 2018. Early spring rains allowed ample moisture and nutrient inputs to carry through to budbreak and fruit set. The set was abundant, 20% to 30% above average, and required multiple passes to control yield to develop superior quality in nearly all of our vineyards. Once we had the farming under control and staged for optimal ripeness, we were blessed with a growing season that was dry and sunny. Harvest began in September and ran smoothly through to the end of October without issues.

IN THE CELLAR

100% gravity flow was deployed in the production of this wine. The fruit was hand-picked and gently processed using our state-of-the-art Pellenc sorting and destemming system, producing what we describe as "fruit caviar." The pristine, whole berries were moved via elevator belt into a combination of small stainless steel and concrete tank fermenters. Time on skins lasted 25 to 30 days. The fruit was then separated to "free run" and "light press" fractions. The finished wine was aged in 65% new, tight grained, French Oak barrels for 18 months. We employ a variety of cooperages for Bordeaux varieties including Boutes, Sylvain, Darnajou, Taransaud, Gamba and Alain Foquet. 100% native primary and secondary malolactic fermentations were also key ingredients in the making of this wine. Bottled unfiltered.



95% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Petit Verdot
2% Merlot

3,300 Cases Produced