

2019 Buehler Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Situated in the mountains above Conn Valley and near the base of Howell Mountain, the Buehler Estate vineyards are planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon. The juxtaposed topography of steeply sloped hillsides with eastern exposures against very gently sloping hills with southern and southwestern exposures hints at the tumultuous geologic past of the Estate; extensive faulting resulted in at least three distinct soil types. Not surprisingly, grapes grown on the different soils give different characteristics to the finished wines; these differences are often as great as the differences across various Bordeaux varieties and allow us to blend within the variety of Cabernet Sauvignon to craft a truly multi-faceted Estate wine.

The 2019 growing season was notable for the generous late rains that made for robust spring growth. Summer saw few heat spikes and the warm days were tempered by many foggy mornings. A long growing season, 2019 will be remembered for providing extended hang time that resulted in intensely flavored fruit with good natural acidity for those winemakers that exercised patience. We harvested Estate Cabernet Sauvignon blocks between September 27 and October 12, 2019.

After the completion of the primary fermentation, the wine was immediately delivered to barrels to initiate the secondary malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged 18 months in barrels: 35% of which were new French oak, and 5% of which were new American oak barrels.

The aromas hint at black fruit: ripe black cherries and black plums. Enticing barrel qualities of cola and spice complement the fruit aromas. On the palate, the wine shows layers of deeply extracted flavors that only mature hillside vineyards can render. Our Estate Cabernet is the most age-worthy wine we produce and may be enjoyed anytime over the next 15 years. For those who seek youthful fresh cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2022 through 2025. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2026–2036.

David Cronin
Winemaker

Appellation/Designation	Napa Valley/Estate Bottled
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix at Harvest	25.8
TA	0.60 g/100 ml
pH	3.73
Alcohol	14.6% vol
Production	2800 cases
Suggested Retail	\$50

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**BUEHLER VINEYARDS CABERNET
SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY ESTATE 2019**

June 23rd 2022

91 points

**Ground dark chocolate, red chili
and blackberries. Flattering, rich
and generous palate with a
medium to full body, rendered in a
supple, composed way. Silky tannins.
Easy to enjoy now.**

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92 points



92 **Buehler 2019 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).** This full-bodied, concentrated wine emphasizes toasted-oak aromas and flavors. These are amply backed with black plums, black olives and mulled cherries that smooth the sandy edges of the moderately tannic texture. *Editors' Choice.* —J.G.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$40