

# INK GRADE

## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings to volcanic “tufa” soils. Ink Grade Estate possesses a raw tension that renders fruit of immense intensity and depth. If ever there was a site that imparted a feeling of reverence, Ink Grade is such a place.

### AN ELEVATED EXPRESSION OF MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The varying and distinctive landscape of the vineyard parcels included in this Cabernet Sauvignon allow for something very complex to come together. With balance across the board, the fruit from the unique parcels each occupy a certain piece of terrain covering much of the Napa Valley with variations in slope and elevation. Incorporating a portion of Howell Mountain Cabernet, the blending notes of this wine are phenomenal with base notes, high notes, and incredible breadth.

### 2019 VINTAGE INSIGHTS

The Ink Grade Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a nose of fresh cassis, pomegranate, and cocoa with elements of thyme, mint, candied orange peels, nutmeg, cloves, and paprika. The palate is linear throughout with a consistent midpalate of bright and lifted acidity and well-integrated raw mountain tannins that close in a persistent finish.

– WINEMAKER, MATT TAYLOR, SEPTEMBER 2022

AVA & VARIETAL: 88% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
12% MERLOT | NAPA VALLEY

HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 14–OCTOBER 14, 2019

AGING: 9 MONTHS (60% IN NEW FRENCH OAK,  
40% IN OAK TANKS), FOLLOWED BY 26 MONTHS  
(20% IN OAK TANK, 80% IN FRENCH OAK  
BARRELS (60% NEW)

BOTTLED ON AUGUST 30, 2022

ALCOHOL: 14%

TA: 5.9G/L

PH: 3.53

PRODUCTION: 4,880 CASES