



2019 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

NAPA VALLEY “BORDEAUX” BLEND

Winemaking can be magic when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That’s why we created Andronicus, a perfect blend of the five Bordeaux that together form a dynamic wine and mouthwatering value. Young vine fruit from our Estate Vineyards form the backbone of this vivacious wine. Bright, crisp, Merlot from the Carneros Hills adds herbed cherry fruit note and silky texture, red currant spiced Malbec from Calistoga provides aromatic lift, and the Petite Verdot from the eastern foothills gives the wine a dark spice bite in the finish. It’s an ideal Napa Valley blend for both the wine connoisseur and novice alike.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley | WINEMAKER: Stephen Cruzan
 BOTTLED: Mar 9 & 10, 2021 | BARREL AGING: 19 months in barrel

BLEND:
 46% Cabernet Sauvignon
 23% Malbec
 10% Cabernet Franc
 9% Merlot
 7% Petit Verdot
 5% Petite Sirah



VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season began with ample January rains that continued through the Winter months. Lower than average temperatures as we moved into Spring pushed bud break off a week or two from the normal window. Unseasonable rains moved in the month of May, which did not affect fruit set due to the delay in flowering. At this point the soil moisture was ideal going into the long summer growing season. • Mild to warm growing conditions throughout June and July allowed the soil to gradually dry and kept the plants in stress free leading up to and through veraison. A warm August helped the ample crop move along toward maturity, with September providing ideal conditions for extended hang time to develop color and flavor. Similar to 2018, the majority of the red grape harvest was in October.

WINE PROFILE

The 2019 Andronicus is blended heavily with Cabernet Sauvignon and the power and grace of the Cabernet shows through in the finished wine. The aromas are evocative, concentrated and packed with dark cherry, red plum, spices, roast coffee, and mocha. The palate is mouth filling, rich and has notes of blackberry, cherry cola, fruit leather, Asian five spice and coco powder throughout. The well-developed tannins round out the texture of the wine and leaves you with essences of vanilla and espresso as it fades. Enjoy through 2027.