

BARNETT VINEYARDS

Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon **Spring Mountain District** **2019**

Harvest Date:	October 12 th , 15 th , 29 th , 31 st and November 9 th .
Grape Source:	Spring Mountain District (York Creek, Barnett Vineyards). All Estate.
Blend:	79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 7% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc.
Aging:	22 months in French Oak Barrels 70% new and 30% two to five years old
Alcohol:	14.4%
Total Production:	106 Barrels
Release Date:	January 2022
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vintage Notes: After the bumper crop in 2018 the 2019 vintage brought things back to normal with a just below average yield. If there were ever an average of great years, 2019 was it. In the spring we had average rainfall and in summer we had average heat. Fall was typical in being warm without heat spikes with a few small showers that caused no damage. The slow cool ripening resulted in the small sized concentrated berries that Spring Mountain is known for.

Winemaker Notes: The grapes were sourced from our estate and neighboring York Creek Vineyards, with the entire blend being solely from the Spring Mountain Appellation and all under estate control. The first grapes to come in were the Petit Verdot followed by the Merlot and Cabernet Franc from our estate. Weeks later the Cabernet Sauvignon hit perfect physiological ripeness and the multiple microclimate blocks came in right next to each other. Being a cooler Fall the grapes resulted in thicker skins, resulting in less maceration times, a total of 15-19 days. Each vineyard block was then aged separately for 22 months, the barrels being French oak and 70% new.

Tasting Notes: The 2019 Spring Mountain Cabernet is one concentrated wine. The opaque purple color is much darker than previous years. The aromatics fill the air with cassis, dark plum and black licorice. Coffee grounds, cola and dark chocolate are also prevalent. The wine is full and silky on the palate. Flavors of mocha, anise and dark cherries fill the mouth. The tannins are full and chalky with some firm mountain acidity for balance. The chocolate covered dark cherry finish lingers for a long time. This concentrated dark Cabernet will only get better over time. For those with patience holding this wine for 13-15 years will reward them (2024-2026).