



2019 SAN BENITO COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION
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VINEYARDS
CIRCLE S (SILETTO)

ALCOHOL
13.7%

pH/TITRATABLE ACIDITY
3.59/5.85 g/l

WINEMAKING
Open top 1-ton fermenters, cold soak, punch down

BARREL AGING
Aged 16 months in 25 % new French oak barrels

WINEMAKER
Garry Brooks

CASES PRODUCED
100

THE VINEYARDS AND VINTAGE

Situated among the golden rolling hills east of Hollister, Circle S Vineyard was planted in 1974 on a terrace in the gravelly loam soils adjacent to Tres Pinos Creek. Daytime temperatures can be quite high, but cool winds funnel between the Gabilan Range and the Santa Lucia Mountains from Monterey Bay in to bring the evening temperatures down.

The 2019 vintage was a great balance between generous crop levels and high quality. After a wet winter and moderate weather throughout the spring and summer, harvest time was a continuation of the mild weather, which allowed the grapes to slowly ripen. The wines from 2019 feature brilliant natural acidity and beautiful, concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKING

We harvested the Cabernet Sauvignon on October 15th. The grapes were fermented in one-ton open-top fermenters with 10% whole clusters. The vessels were punched down twice daily and was pressed after 16 days on the skins. The wine was aged for 16 months in 25% new French oak barrels.

THE WINE

With 13.7% alcohol, bright fruit flavors, and only a hint of oak, this is a lighter style cab than you often find in Northern California. It has aromas of blueberry, cassis, cedar, brioche and a gentle toasty oak. On the palate, it has a bright entry, with flavors of blackberry pie, blueberry, dark cherry, and cocoa powder. It has a lingering, mouth-watering finish of dried blueberry supported by subtle tannins.

