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ACRE 2019 MERLOT CAFFERATA VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Cafferata Merlot is a deep garnet in color with blackberry, black cherry, cola berry, leather, graphite, and fruit compote aromatics. The flavors echo more black fruit, 60% dark chocolate, black licorice, and baking spice. Rich and lush in the mouth, the wine equivalent of cashmere and plush velvet. Dark chocolate, more black cherry, and vanilla cream take over in a long and supple finish. Extremely drinkable now and will easily age 10 to 15 years.

GROWING REGION - CALISTOGA AVA

Located just south of the town of Calistoga, the fifteen acre, sustainably farmed, hillside Cafferata Vineyard is positioned to the east of Hwy 29. This Merlot is picked from three of the best positioned blocks within the vineyard. The soils are a mix of volcanic gravel-loams and larger stones that have washed down from higher elevations in this northern end of the Napa Valley.

VINTAGE

After a near perfect 2018, 2019 started off with extensive spring rain extending well into summer. At this point the rains stopped, but the soil held enough moisture to provide ample water throughout the growing season. Mild, even temperatures and a long hangtime ensured great color, soft rich tannins, and terrific balance. More accessible than the classically structured 2018s, 2019 is the type of vintage that puts a smile on everyone's face.

KEY FACTS

VINEYARDS	Cafferata Vineyard
APPELLATION	100% Calistoga AVA
HARVEST DATE	October 11, 2019
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
AGING	20 months, new French Oak, 30% second fill barrels
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.66
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.0 g/L
BOTTLED	December 1, 2021
TOTAL PRODUCTION	665 cases