

2019

# Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY  
Since 1973

## VINE HILL RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

A classic Napa Cabernet in every sense, the 2019 Vine Hill Ranch opens with aromas of cocoa, vanilla, and baking spice that gives way to notes of graphite and stony minerality before ripe blackberry, boysenberry, and cassis notes emerge. On the palate, the wine is cashmere smooth and displays a balance of ripe fruit and freshly turned earth notes. Over time, hints of violet, black raspberry, and dark chocolate arise. Mouth-coating and rich, the long finish is opulent and dense, driven by fine-grained, luxurious tannins

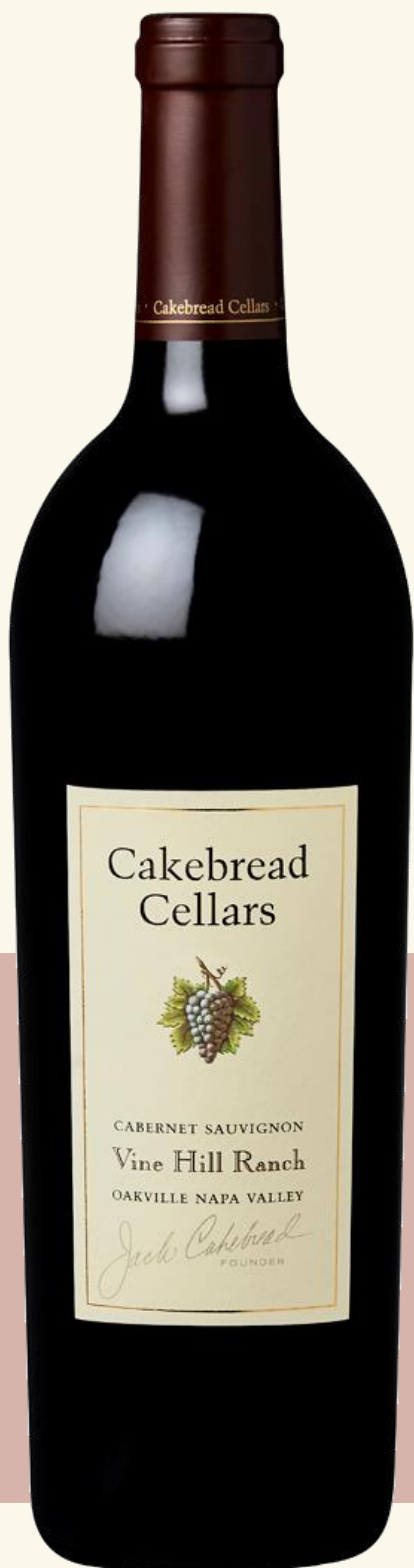
### VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Grapes for this complex, robust wine come from three special blocks of vines grown in the renowned Vine Hill Ranch in Napa Valley's western benchlands near Oakville. Oakville's mornings are cool and foggy, but as the sun rises, the fog burns off resulting in warm, dry afternoons. The benchlands offer deep loamy soils and shade from the mountains to protect grapes from extreme heat and sun. These mature vines produce powerful, intense wines in these perfect conditions, with beautiful varietal expression, and a well-balanced structure of acidity and tannin.

The long, even 2019 vintage began with ample rainfall, which refreshed the soils in preparation for the season. The spring and summer saw warm, even temperatures without heat waves – allowing for an extended, gradual ripening period. Overall, the mild season yielded grapes with excellent color, subtle tannins, and incredible flavor.

### WINEMAKING

We hand-harvested the Vine Hill Ranch Cabernet at night to ensure freshness and varietal purity. In the cellar, we ferment and barrel age each of the three vineyard blocks separately. Each lot was aged for 22 months in 56% new French oak barrels specifically selected to accent the unique attributes of Vine Hill Ranch's Oakville terroir. Once we assess the individual attributes of each block, we blend to create a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wine that honors its terroir with intensity and complexity.



### GRAPE VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINEYARDS

100% Vine Hill Ranch, Napa Valley

### HARVEST DATES

October 7– October 14, 2019

### WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

### NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.9%

ACIDITY 0.62G/100 ml

PH 3.63

BOTTLE July 2021

AGING Aged 22 months in 56% new French oak, 44% neutral French oak

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