

# Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY  
Since 1973



2019

## SYRAH NAPA VALLEY

A deep purplish color matches fragrant aromas of black currant and black cherry fruit, with hints of violet and dried herbs. Full-bodied and rich on the palate, the wine delivers warm, intense blackberry, black cherry and dark chocolate flavors. Balanced with fresh acidity and a hint of minerality, this wine culminates in a long, vibrant finish with notes of concentrated blackberry and raspberry. Impressive and complex, this Syrah will age gracefully in bottle for another 7-10 years.

### VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

The fruit for this estate-grown Syrah comes exclusively from our Suscol Springs Vineyard in southeastern Napa Valley, a hilly, cool and windy site boasting rocky, well-drained soils and ideal southern and western exposures. We have five top-flight clones of the noble Syrah variety planted at Suscol Springs. This clonal variation, coupled with the vineyard's singular attributes, allows us to craft a rich, complex and beautifully balanced Syrah that matures beautifully in bottle.

2019 began with ample rainfall to replenish the soils. The rocky site allowed for good drainage, allowing the vines to begin the growth cycle with just the right amount of moisture. A long warm summer with foggy mornings provided sunshine for the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, preserving freshness and acidity in the fruit.

### WINEMAKING

Prior to fermentation, we cold soaked the lots for four to six days to maximize color extraction and soften tannins. During fermentation in small, open-top fermenters, we punched down the cap of skins at the top of the fermenting tanks daily for optimal color and flavor while closely monitoring tannin levels. Once fermentation completed, we transferred the wines to French oak barrels, 45% new, where they aged before blending. The wine spent a total of 15 months in French oak prior to bottling. The barrels were specifically selected for this highly structured wine in order to soften and polish the tannins.

### GRAPE VARIETY

89% Syrah, 10% Grenache, 1% Viognier

### VINEYARDS

Suscol Springs Vineyard, Napa Valley

### HARVEST DATES

September 30 – October 8, 2019

### WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

### NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.8%

ACIDITY 0.59G/100 ml

PH 3.59

BOTTLE January 2021

AGING Aged 15 months in 45% new French oak, 55% neutral French oak

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