Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY Since 1973



2019 SUSCOL SPRINGS CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Our newest Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve wine is sourced exclusively from our Suscol Springs Estate Vineyard in southern Napa Valley. Aromas of freshly picked black fruits—black cherry, boysenberry, and blackberry - emanate from the glass with hints of violets and gravel. On the palate, the wine is smooth and full-bodied with elegant flavors of boysenberry, plum, and cherry supported by structured tannins. Layers of fruit and minerality balanced by fresh acidity create a long and graceful finish.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Grapevines at our Suscol Springs estate are planted amid rocky outcroppings that overlook the valley floor. The effort to develop roots in these rocky soils creates a beneficial stress that causes vines to yield smaller berries of great concentration, balanced acidity, and supple tannins. This vineyard also experiences warm, sunny days and cool breezes—perfect conditions for ripening Cabernet Sauvignon to beautiful varietal expression.

In 2019, the season began with significant rainfall, preparing the soils for an exceptional season. Overall, summertime temperatures were moderate across Napa Valley which allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly before the harvest.

WINEMAKING

Perfectly ripe Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked in the cool early morning hours to retain their freshness, purity, and natural acidity. At the winery, the clusters were hand-sorted and destemmed before the whole berries were hand-sorted again to ensure only perfect grapes went into this wine. A partial crush allowed us to extract the optimal level of color, flavor, and tannin from the grapes. Prior to fermentation, grapes underwent a "cold soak," which softens the grape skins and further helps extract color and tannin from the grapes. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 22 months in 54% new French oak before bottling in July of 2021.

GRAPE VARIETY

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARDS

100% Suscol Springs Vineyard, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

September 27 - October 25, 2019

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

| 14.9% |
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| 0.60G/100 ml |
| 3.75 |
| July 2021 |
| Aged 22 months in 54% new French oak, 46% neutral French oak |
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