



2019 "SAJANA" RED WINE NAPA VALLEY

The blending of grape varieties and vineyard sources is a tried-and-true method of red wine-making in Napa Valley. Our first attempt to produce a proprietary Napa Valley Red Wine of our own was, we like to think, a huge success. The variation in vineyard sites, both in terms of elevation and terroir character, enabled our winemaker, Patrick Saboe, to create a complex wine that is very much the sum of its parts. Two of Patrick's favorite spots in the Valley, Stagecoach® and Broken Rock, figure into this delicious blend—another step in the right direction for the PV365 portfolio.

## **GROWING SEASON**

Comparing 2019 to the lush, ripe fruit from the 2018 harvest, Patrick describes '19 as "a much more balanced vintage. It had wines that were much lower in quantity, but I think the quality was very high." He goes on to credit the growing season's near-perfect conditions, with warm days, cool nights, and no heat spikes throughout. In a word, he refers to 2019 as a "genteel" harvest.

## WINEMAKING

PV365's Red Blend was harvested from a handful of carefully selected vineyard sites over a weeklong period from late September to early October 2019. After harvest, the grapes got a three-day cold soak, then commenced on a 12-day primary fermentation. Another 12 days of extended maceration took place before the wine went to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation. The subsequent barrel aging lasted for a full two years in 60% new French oak.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The vineyards we chose to create our first-ever Napa Valley red blend are, indeed, an expert blend of great sites around the Valley, from the elevated, rocky terrain Stagecoach Vineyard© to the combined hillside and valley floor terroir of Broken Rock. This structured but approachable red wine reflects these, and other, locations, selected to work in seamless harmony with each other. We find the resulting complexity quite impressive!

Initial aromatic notes of black fruit lead to an earthy nose of tobacco, along with a touch of anise as the wine opens up in the glass. The flavors of this medium-to-full-bodied wine start out juicy and red fruit-forward on the palate. After some aeration, it develops spicy, secondary flavors of blackberry and toasted vanilla, all wrapped in a package of smooth tannins. With such a lush mouthfeel, the wine is ready for immediate enjoyment, though we have no doubt that this debut bottling will also reward patient cellaring.

## **SPECIFICS**

WINE: 2019 "Sajana" Red Wine

VINEYARD: Broken Rock, Stagecoach®, Heringer Estate, Windsor Oak

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: 9/28/19 - 10/5/19

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.2°- 26.6°

AGING: 24 months in new and used French oak barrels (60% new)

BLEND: Proprietary Red Blend

PH: 3.65 TA: 6.2 g/L ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Blackberries, tobacco, anise

FLAVORS: Red and black fruits, toasted vanilla, spice

PROFILE: Medium to full bodied with balanced fruit/earthy flavors, polished tannins and a

lush mouthfeel.