

2019 STAR LANE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



ALCOHOL 14.5%	AGED 20 months	OAK 35% New French
HARVESTED Sept-Oct 2019	BOTTLED May 2021	CELLAR LIFE 20 years

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Vintage

The second wet winter in the last 3 years was welcome news for Star Lane Vineyard. There has been much work invested in soil health over the last several years, including a continued ramp-up in sustainable vineyard management and farming which has led to Star Lane Vineyard being designated as a Certified California Sustainable vineyard. Indeed, the rains certainly contributed to vine health as well in 2019 and created a synergy with the farming practices. The growing season was the coolest in the last 4 years and created opportunity to produce absolutely classic, vibrant wines from Star Lane Vineyard. We are thrilled with this vintage!

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WINEMAKER NOTES

When we talk about "classic" vintages in California and particularly in Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara, we mean that nothing caused us to rush and we could employ the patience that this vineyard deserves. A cool Spring meant bud break was delayed, which resulted in an even flowering after the usual Spring winds. At Star Lane Vineyard, we're typically cooler than most Happy Canyon estates due to our elevation and aspect, so the cooler vintage meant a nice ripening which produced depth of color and flavor and allowed us to bump up the core Cabernet Sauvignon within the blend to 81%. Just like the previous vintage, Petite Verdot was perfect for depth and made out 11% of the blend while Merlot accounted for 7% and just a 1% touch of Cab Franc completed the profile.

92 Points *Vinous*

There is a pretty floral character to this year's estate Cabernet Sauvignon that makes us want to talk about comparisons to left-bank Bordeaux, but again with the dark, red-toned fruit we are so quickly reminded of its true California nature. Perhaps most impressive in this vintage is the silky texture. In the end, this is a distinctively Star Lane Vineyard Cabernet.

"This medium-body, savory Cabernet checks all the right boxes. It is quite impressive in this tasting!"--Antonio Galloni, *Vinous* June, 2022

"Star Lane Vineyard Cabernet remains one of the finest values in Cabernet Sauvignon"--Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*