

2019 STAR LANE MALBEC

STAR LANE VINEYARD, HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



ALCOHOL
14.8%

AGED
18 months

OAK
100% Neutral French

HARVESTED
October 2019

BOTTLED
March 2021

CELLAR LIFE
15 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

One of our abiding values in producing our wines is that the winery serves the vineyard. We are here to study and understand how best to cultivate world class Cabernet Sauvignon using classic techniques and varieties. To do this every single block and every variety is carefully isolated and fermented separately independent of its yield or logistical hurdles. It is through such approach that we have observed an evolution over time in the quality and consistency of our Malbec. So much so, we succumbed to the temptation to bottle a small fraction on its own. Malbec, in some respects, is a Bordeaux variety playing a little like Pinot Noir: it is light on its feet in the mid palate (like Pinot Noir) even if dark in color (unlike Pinot Noir). We've discovered that extending the time on the skins builds a wine with the proper structure to stand alone, and therefore create the opportunity to show off its lifted blue fruit aromatics and youthful appeal. No new oak was used and this wine was aged 18 months. Enjoy this limited offering!

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Star Lane Vineyard Malbec is marked by lifted blue fruit and plum with subtle peppery aromas and flavors. The mid palate is nice and smooth but not overcome with new oak flavors. The finish is lengthy, with the blue fruit carrying through.

