

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites. Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.
750ml 6 bottle case Allocated

The 2019 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as Alexander School Reserve. We continue that tradition with this newest release, a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

The 2019 is a one-of-a kind offering. One of our favorite vineyards is about five miles north of the winery. The extreme grade and steep, 30% slope combined with Cabernet Clone 7 produce tiny berries in loose clusters with intense color, rich flavors and incredible concentration.

Although the weather was a bit cooler than usual early in the 2019 growing season, there were no unusual temperature swings during bud break or flowering. Moderate temperatures continued through the summer, allowing the grapes to mature gradually. After 2018's record setting crop size, 2019 swung back to an average yield. After harvest on September 23rd, the lot was de-stemmed, fermented, then aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 32 months to accentuate the complexity and firm tannins.

Inky color and intense aromas of cassis, black cherry, oak, vanilla, along with a touch of chocolate fill the glass. This is a bright wine with dark fruit flavors of cherry, boysenberry, vanilla, chocolate, and a hint of oak. There is nice texture with well integrated silky tannins and a long finish in this classic Cab. While enjoyable now, this is the choice if you want a Cab for the future. So lay down a few bottles while you can.

Food Pairing: Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing. Try it with Katie Murphy's Spinach Gratin and a top cut of beef for a dinner reminiscent of your favorite steakhouse.

Accolades: 2019: 92 points - James Suckling



Profile:

- Rich texture, balanced acidity, silky, smooth tannins
- Dark fruits and a chocolate note

About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates: September 23, 2019

Barrel regimen: 32 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads, 100% new

Alcohol: 14.5% **pH:** 3.33 **TA:** 7.1 g/L

Cases: 2402 cases **Closure:** Cork **Case pack:** 6 bottles

UPC: 0-85798 10006-4 **SRP:** \$55



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