

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2019 LINDA'S HILLSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from ovarian cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON NOTES: The 2019 season started positively with ample rainfall during the winter, especially in late February. Some warmer weather in mid-March led to an average timing for budbreak in mid-March. Cooler weather in May raised concerns about bloom and pollination, but fruit set was successful leading to a near-average crop size. The summer saw ideal weather for vine growth and fruit maturation, with moderate and even temperatures. As harvest approached ripening took a brief pause with cooler weather the first week in September. Two nice warm spells in mid and late September continued the steady ripening trend in the Cabernet Sauvignon. After a final warm trend in early October, we picked the Cab blocks on October 11th and October 16th, well ahead of any significant rains that didn't materialize until November.

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 21 months in Oak – 45% new: 100% French Oak

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES: Our 2019 vintage has notes of blackberry, cassis, vanilla, black cherry and hints of toasty oak. The palate has flavors of berry and plum with subtle hints of bittersweet chocolate and coffee. The 2019 is rich and concentrated with a plush mouthfeel and a balanced acidity. Long finish. We recommend some cellaring and an aerative decanting through 2025.

PRODUCTION: 75 cases