

La Storia

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2019



The 2019 season had an interesting mix of conditions to say the least! We had a lot of rain in March and in May, fire in October with evacuations and power outages, other than that the quality was spectacular! The only grapes not harvested before the fire started was our small block of Montepulciano, but we managed to harvest before the fire became more serious. Otherwise, the growing season was relatively mild and long without any heat waves or other surprises. The crop yields were lower than 2018 and the quality was high.

The grapes for our 2019 Cabernet were harvested at the end of October 4th and October 15th, 2019. After destemming and cold soaking for 3 days the grapes were fermented using native and “designer” yeast for average of 10 days. Post fermentation all lots were put through extended maceration for another 30-40 days. The wine was aged for 22 months in 29% new French and other European Oak barrels and the rest in neutral oak barrels.

Our 2019 La Storia Cab has a dense ruby-purple color followed by abundant varietal aromas and flavors of blueberries, blackberry, and black licorice with hint of herbs and minerals. The predominately French oak aging contributes aromas of cocoa dust, vanilla and smokey maple. The mouth feel is medium dense, fresh and juicy with balanced acidity and very soft tannins for a young wine. The alcohol content is balanced and the acidity is relatively high suggesting excellent longevity for this wine. Drink now or age for 5-7 years. Cheers.

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TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL	PRODUCTION	AGING
76 % Cabernet Sauvignon	2511 Cases	22 months in 23 % new French and European Oak
15% Merlot	BOTTLED	ALCOHOL
6% Malbec	August, 2021	14.5%
2% Cabernet Franc	RELEASE DATE	RESIDUAL
1% Montepulciano	October 2021	SUGAR 0.25%
APPELLATION		pH
Alexander Valley		3.69
WINEMAKER		TOTAL ACID
Miro Tcholakov		.59g/100ml