

PRIEST RANCH

## 2019 SNAKE OIL

### APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,642 acres, with 222 acres planted to hillside vineyards. Dramatic elevations of the vineyards define and distinguish the estate, ranging from 800 ft to 1,600 ft above sea level. In 2019, the grapes for this wine were chosen from three hillside blocks - Block 56, Block 58 and Block 136.

### WINEMAKING

Our 2019 Snake Oil was handpicked, sorted, and fermented naturally, then aged for 26 months in 75% new French oak barrels and 25% once used French oak barrels.

### HARVEST NOTES

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture followed by a warm summer. We saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The

long, relatively mild finish to the season, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with sufficient hang time teasing out a great color, structure, and soft tannins.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Snake Oil is full of dark chocolate covered raspberries with broad and juicy berry, and a hint of clay dust accents the plum aromas with brownie mix and Chambord on the nose. The entry is supple and luscious with crushed red and black berries, currants, spiced plum with a bitter cocoa and graphite edge.

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APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

AGING *24 months in 75% new French Oak, and 25% once used French oak barrels*

ALC. *15.4%*

RELEASE DATE *November 1st, 2020*

PRODUCTION *982 cases*

