



BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

TASTING NOTES

Our Gaspare Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is an elegant and powerful wine that is iconic of the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. The aromas of blackberry and blueberry also have a note of brown sugar and cedar. The flavors are dark fruit with ripe, fruit sweetness. The structure of this wine is balanced with tannins that are robust, but not too aggressive.

—Winemaker Ralf Holdenried

GROWING SEASON

The 2019 vintage in Napa Valley was another example of fantastic growing conditions that lead to prime quality grapes. The weather in January/February was cool, not extremely cold, and the cooler weather extended a bit later than usual. The cooler weather caused the grapevines to break bud a couple weeks behind normal. We expected the late budbreak and cooler weather to slow and extend the ripening period and result in a later than normal harvest. In May, there were some storms that passed through Napa Valley and delivered a significant amount of water to the vineyards. This water recharged the water immediately available to the vines and allowed them to grow with immense vigor. Berry sizes were a bit larger than normal and lead to a large harvest, almost as much as the huge 2018 harvest. Mild weather throughout the growing season gently encouraged the vines to fully ripen the grapes and pack them full of flavor.

VINEYARD

The Gaspare Estate Vineyard is named after the patriarch of the Indelicato family who came to the United States in 1912 and officially began the family business almost 100 years ago in 1924. The grapes for our Cabernet Sauvignon are grown at our own estate located in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Diligently looked after throughout the year, we were able to make sure these grapes were of the highest quality. Coming from the Oak Knoll AVA, we were able to produce a broad wine with elegant structure that is very fruit-forward and expressive. With the temperature in the Oak Knoll District slightly cooler than temperatures of the more northern districts, we were able to create our wine with excellent balance and vibrant acidity.

WINEMAKING

Our grapes are handpicked during the early morning hours at optimal ripeness. Upon arrival at the winery, we gently hand sort before it is destemmed and then optically sort to protect the quality and purity of the grapes that are then transferred into small fermentation tanks. After a few days of cold soaking, the must is gently warmed, and yeast was added to initiate fermentation. We 'pump-over' multiple times each day to allow for gentle extraction of flavors, colors, and tannins during the 14-21-day fermentation. We then allowed the free run wine to gravity flow from the skins directly to barrel. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is drained from the tank, skins are pressed, and the wine is transferred to barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. Once malolactic fermentation is complete, the wine is racked off the yeast, and returned to barrels to mature for ~20 months in French Oak barrel (66% new) before being blended and prepared for bottling.


VINTAGE: 2019 • APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING: 20 months in 100% French Oak Barrels (66% new)

RS: 012 g/100ml • PH: 3.72g • TOTAL ACID: 0.58 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 15%

SRP: \$75 • CELLAR FOR: 10-15 years



2019 GASPARE ESTATE VINEYARD

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT OF
NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

