

2019

TASTING NOTES

# HEXAMETER



HEXAMETER is the meter that *OVID* used in his *GREATEST POEM: Metamorphoses*. This form of verse is *uniquely* SUITED to the telling of long and *INSPIRING* tales that stand the *test of time*. We aim to *recreate* these QUALITIES IN OUR HEXAMETER WINE, featuring our estate's *MOST PROFOUND* and *COMPELLING Cabernet Franc* as its core.

A *GOLDILOCKS* vintage in Napa, 2019 welcomed spring rains that soaked the *soils* — similar to 2017 — and set the stage for even, early season growth. *June and July* proved to be *IDYLLIC* for the vines with *TEMPERATURES* largely in the 80s. *August* brought the dog days of *summer with sustained* but relatively moderate heat *gently ripening* our *TENDER* grapes and providing us a *measured lead-in* to *HARVEST*.

The resulting 2019 HEXAMETER reflects this *SPECTACULAR VINTAGE* with *perfectly poised* power and *grace*. Notes of plum, RAINIER CHERRY and boysenberry all picked at their *zenith* meld with *AROMAS* of rhubarb pie, LAVENDER, sage and *FOREST FLOOR*. *Layered and redolent*, this wine strikes a *perfect balance* of depth, *VIBRANCY* and *BRAWN* that will *REWARD FOR DECADES* to come.

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