

2019 LAUGHING LANDS



VINEYARD: Laughing Lands

BLEND: 100% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

PH: 3.8

TA: 5.81

PRODUCTION: 150 cases

RETAIL: \$95

VINEYARD

Named in honor of the Coastal Miwok Native Americans who resided in the Carneros region. It is said the Miwok tribe referred to this area as “Talcoa”, which roughly translates to “Laughing Lands”. Originally planted in 1989, the vineyard is planted to 100% Merlot using the famous Three Palms selection. Laughing Lands is our most expressive Merlot from the estate. It produces wine with dark red fruit characteristics and a juicy, plump palate, making it one of the best expressions of Merlot in Napa Valley.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was picked by hand at night, hand-sorted, destemmed and fermented utilizing native yeast. The wine was barreled down to 80% new Sylvain, Taransaud, and Darnajou oak barrels. It was bottled unfiltered and unfinned after 23 months of aging.

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WINEMAKING

94 points: Antonio Galloni, Vinous

94 points: James Suckling

93 points: Lisa Perotti-Brown, Wine Advocate

