

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Criscione Vineyard
St. Helena, Napa Valley

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its third bottling of the St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon from the St. Helena District. Building upon its experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain in the valley's western Mayacamas Range, this bottling represents the Davies team's effort with Cabernet Sauvignon from this famed appellation. Second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, Director of Winemaking Sean Thompson and Consultant Celia Welch have collaborated well together since 2008 in crafting Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and they are very proud to present this unique vineyard-designate bottling from the 2019 vintage.

Approximately 20 miles north of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays, and nestled between the Mayacamas and Vaca Mountain ranges, lies appellation St. Helena. The hourglass shape of this appellation's geography, and its distance from the cool waters of the Bay and the Pacific Ocean, set this historic location apart from any other growing region. Vineyards are located on ancient alluvial fans, that sweep toward the Napa River. Consistent heat is locked in during the day and is amplified by the hillsides; at night, that same slender width funnels moderating breezes to dramatically cool the vines, sometimes by as much as 40 to 50 degrees. This extreme shift in temperature helps the fruit retain ideal balance and acidity.

While largely unknown by consumers, this vineyard is held in high regard by those in the industry. Located in a small, quiet valley at the base of Howell Mountain, the east-facing vineyard benefits from the cooling breezes coming off the mountain and the Bell Canyon Reservoir. The soils are a Cortina Series alluvial gravel mix of red volcanic soils and obsidian. The property is 18-acres with roughly half under vine.

The 2019 growing season started off with lots of winter rain and cold temperatures. Mild conditions continued throughout the summer with an occasional heat wave allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. The 2019 vintage delivered high quality with relatively large yields, balanced acidity and superb flavors.



Tasting Notes

“The 2019 Criscione Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon opens with generous fruit aromas of blackberry, black raspberry and boysenberry, accentuated with notes of savory spice, fresh tobacco and sage. Well integrated tannins and a vibrant acidity are rounded out by a juicy center of mixed berry compote, vanilla and anise.”

- Winemakers Sean Thompson, Csilla Kato and Hugh Davies
- Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Criscione Vineyard
Barrel Aging:	23 months in 43% new French oak
Coopers:	Vicard, Orion
Alcohol:	15.0%
TA:	0.53 g/100 mL
pH:	3.78
Harvest Dates:	October 18, 2019
Bottling Date:	September 7, 2021
Release Date:	October 1, 2022
Cases Produced:	175 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$125
Available Format:	750 mL