

2019 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

Site Description: Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposure is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is likely an ancient land slide. The soil is volcanic with a mélange of fine soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. The vineyard is dry farmed. The site was first planted to vineyard in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

Winemaking Philosophy: We favor a restrained, balanced style of winemaking that cultivates the unique characteristics of a vineyard. Over the past 26 years our winemaking has evolved slowly to focus on refining the tannin structure that Diamond Mountain is famous for while capturing the savory black fruits (plums, blueberries) that seem emblematic of Dyer Vineyard.

We feel, that at their best, the expression of Cabernet Sauvignon is an elegance and verve. We hope you agree.

Vintage Notes: The 2019 growing season started with copious rain- almost double what we saw in 2018. A warm spring triggered an early budbreak with vigorous growth. With a cool rainy May canopy management became the challenge of the growing season. Post bloom temperatures were warm and a couple of heat events in early September kicked the harvest off in earnest. Night time temperatures dropped into the 30s late in September and it looked like the season might close early but October and November brought more warming and dry winds and winemakers took full advantage of the longer season. At Dyer we picked on October 5.

Tasting Notes: Concentrated and bright aromas of red currents, plum and lavender. Flavors typically savory with a compelling sea brine-mineral note. Oak is nicely integrated and tannins are fine.

Stats: pH 3.72, TA 6.5, Alc 14.6

Blend: 86% Cab Sauv, 9% Cab Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

315 cases made

