



## 2019 BELLA UNION NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Bella Union was founded by the partners of Far Niente to specialize in the art of blending Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. The cornerstone of the blend is our 25-acre vineyard in Rutherford, along Bella Oaks Lane, a country road that was historically called Bella Union. The vineyard is planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon in well-drained loam, and the vines range from 20 – 30 years of age. Classic varietals of Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot sourced from select Napa Valley vineyards complete the blend.

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 growing season began with late spring rains during flowering and fruit set. Cover crops between the vines flourished, putting rich nutrients into our soils. Our fruit set itself was lighter than usual, resulting in exceptional concentration and retention of flavor and aromas in our clusters. Mild fall temperatures allowed fruit to mature fully, without being overly tannic nor overly ripe. 2019 was an excellent vintage overall that will continue to impress wine lovers and collectors for years to come.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2019 Bella Union Napa Valley Cabernet possesses beautiful and intriguing aromas of dark plum, black cherry, hints of clove and barrel spice. The palate is well-structured with velvety tannins complemented by generous layers of fruit flavors of blackberry, fig and raspberry preserves that give way to a melting finish.

### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

### HARVEST DATES

September 24 - October 6, 2019

### RELEASE DATE

2022

### FERMENTATION

90% stainless steel (20% open topped and 80% closed); 5% neutral wood open top; 5% concrete

### AGING

French oak barrels  
50% new, 50% neutral

### WINEMAKER

Brooke Bobyak Price

### VICE PRESIDENT OF WINEMAKING

Andrew Delos

### VARIETALS

75% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
13% Merlot,  
8% Malbec,  
3% Petit Verdot,  
1% Cabernet Franc

### TIME

18 months in barrel

### SKIN CONTACT

15-18 days, average

