



BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from some of the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

TASTING NOTES

The Bucephalus 2019 offers profuse aromas of cassis, sandalwood, and clove. It boasts rich, ripe, exquisite layers of black berry, dark cherry, and maple syrup. The harmonious integration of French oak creates a finely balanced marriage between tannin and acid, providing the structure of this intensely rich wine.

GROWING SEASON

The 2019 vintage in Napa Valley was another example of fantastic growing conditions that lead to prime quality grapes. The weather in January/February was cool, not extremely cold, and the cooler weather extended a bit later than usual. The cooler weather caused the grapevines to break bud a couple weeks behind normal. We expected the late budbreak and cooler weather to slow and extend the ripening period and result in a later than normal harvest. In May, there were some storms that passed through Napa Valley and delivered a significant amount of water to the vineyards. This water recharged the water immediately available to the vines and allowed them to grow with immense vigor. Berry sizes were a bit larger than normal and lead to a large harvest, almost as much as the huge 2018 harvest. Mild weather throughout the growing season gently encouraged the vines to fully ripen the grapes and pack them full of flavor.

VINEYARD

The 2019 Bucephalus was crafted using some of the best grapes found in the Napa Valley. A large portion of the fruit for the Bucephalus was harvested from Atlas Peak. The mountain AVAs are the ideal growing environment for producing fruit with high concentration and immense depth. The grapes sourced from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley add balance and soften the texture of the blend. We blended a small portion of Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, and Petit Verdot into Bucephalus to help knit the blend together. Together with the Cabernet Sauvignon, it creates a powerful and well-structured wine.

WINEMAKING

Our grapes are handpicked during the early morning hours at optimal ripeness. Upon arrival at the winery, we gently hand sort before it is destemmed and then optically sort to protect the quality and purity of the grapes that are then transferred into small fermentation tanks. After a few days of cold soaking, the must is gently warmed, and yeast was added to initiate fermentation. We 'pump-over' multiple times each day to allow for gentle extraction of flavors, colors, and tannins during the 14-21-day fermentation. We then allowed the free run wine to gravity flow from the skins directly to barrel. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is drained from the tank, skins are pressed, and the wine is transferred to barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. Once malolactic fermentation is complete, a portion of the wine is racked off the yeast and returned to barrels to mature for 18 months in French Oak barrel (88% new) before being blended and prepared for bottling.

VINTAGE: 2019

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 10% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 2% Petite Verdot

APPELLATION: 33% Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, 29% Atlas Peak, 22% Diamond Mountain District,
16% Napa Valley

BARREL AGING: 18 months in 100% French oak barrels (88% new)

RS: 0.10 g/100ml • PH: 3.68g • TOTAL ACID: 0.59 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 15.0%



2019 BUCEPHALUS NAPA VALLEY

RED WINE BLEND

