

# CATERWAUL

## 2019 CATERWAUL NAPA VALLEY

A dark, exotic Cabernet Sauvignon nearly splitting at the seams with fruit and spice notes. The wine exhibits a completely opaque dark purple hue in the glass with a violet halo. Layered aromas suggest black currant, pine bough, pencil shavings and fresh leather. The dense, concentrated palate is marked by macerated blackberry, plum reduction, baking spices, loam, cocoa nib and crushed river rock. This big, complex wine will show it's true colors after being decanted or with a few years in the cellar.

## VINTAGE

Starting with an abundance of Winter rain, which continued into May, the 2019 growing season was generous without being overly so. Once the initial crop load began sizing up on the vine, it was evident that the overwhelming crop load of 2018 would not be repeated. 2019 offered a return to a more centerline crop load. Through the perfectly dry summer months, temperatures remained warm, without excessive heat spikes. This consistency continued into the Fall where the fruit was allowed to hang as long as needed to gain full phenological maturity. The end result are wines that possess incredible fruit density, complexity and power.

## PARTNERSHIP

A partnership between Matt Hardin and Thomas Brown was formed during the 2014 vintage after countless years of working together. Out of that friendship the idea of utilizing the strengths of one another gave birth to Caterwaul wines.

Matt Hardin, a 6th generation Napa resident and farmer, is a partner in Barbour Vineyards, one of the most renowned vineyard management companies in Northern California.

Thomas Rivers Brown, winemaker for some of Napa and Sonoma's most iconic labels (Schrader Cellars, Outpost and his own Rivers-Marie), has more than 30 100-point wines to his resume.

## APPELLATION:

*Napa Valley*

## VARIETAL:

*Cabernet Sauvignon*

## BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak*

*60% New*

*20 months in Barrel*

## ALCOHOL:

*14.5%*

## TOTAL PRODUCTION:

*4800 Cases*

