

2019

# BENCHLAND SELECT CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

## Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY  
Since 1973

The Benchland Select blends grapes from two vineyards into a classically styled and traditional Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of ripe black fruits including blackberry, cassis, and boysenberry lift from the glass along with hints of mocha and vanilla. On the palate, the wine is silken with concentrated and intense black fruit flavors supported by elegant, fine-grained tannins. The finish is rich and long with hints of dark chocolate and fig. This wine will continue to age gracefully in the bottle for another decade or can be enjoyed now.

### VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

This blend of grapes comes from the benchlands of vineyards in Oakville and Rutherford—including Hill Ranch, which surrounds the Rutherford home of Jack and Dolores Cakebread. These sites are considered world-class areas for Cabernet Sauvignon because of their distinctive bale loam soils which are well-draining yet retain enough water for grapes to ripen perfectly. Additionally, the Western benchland areas where these grapes are grown are slightly cooler than their peers because they receive less hot afternoon sunshine. The result is Cabernet Sauvignon that is beautifully balanced and capable of producing multidimensional wines with exceptional aging potential.

In 2019, the season began with significant rainfall, preparing the soils for an exceptional season. Overall, summertime temperatures were moderate across Napa Valley which allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly before the harvest.

### WINEMAKING

After harvesting five superior Cabernet Sauvignon clones from multiple vineyard blocks, we gently destemmed the clusters and fermented each lot in small stainless-steel tanks to derive the optimum color, flavor, and tannin from each. The wine was then aged for 22 months in French oak barrels. We specifically selected our barrels and percentage of new oak (57%) in this wine to highlight the best attributes of the Benchland fruit and add roundness, texture, and increased length to the final wine.

### GRAPE VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINEYARDS

100% Napa Valley

### HARVEST DATES

October 1– October 24, 2019

### WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

### NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.8%

ACIDITY 0.59G/100 ml

PH 3.66

BOTTLE July 2021

AGING Aged 22 months in 57% new French oak, 43% neutral French oak

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