

BUEHLER VINEYARDS

(NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA)

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Buehler Vineyards is a small, family-owned winery located in the mountains east of St. Helena in Napa Valley. Situated north of Pritchard Hill and Conn Valley, near the base of Howell Mountain, our hillside vineyards are planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon, with smaller blocks of old-vine Zinfandel.

Our family has been farming this beautiful estate for thirty-six years. We combine that experience and the unique terroir of our hillside vineyards with low yields, meticulous vineyard management, and minimalist winemaking techniques to create wines of uncommon complexity and depth, and to present these wines to wine lovers at reasonable prices.

Russian River Chardonnay 2018

CSPC# 714965

750mlx12

13.9% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.9 g/l	pH: 3.51	Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/l
Grape Variety	100% Chardonnay		
Winemaker	David Cronin		
Vintage	Compared with the past several years, the 2018 Russian River growing season was notable for its lack of severe weather events. A cool spring and an excellent fruit set made for a later start than the last several harvests; we began picking in mid-October. Moderate temperatures demanded patience and rewarded those winemakers that waited for flavor development by delivering intensely flavored fruit with good natural acidity. Our Chardonnay harvest was wrapped up by the end of October.		
Harvest	Mid – late October		
Vineyards	Our 2018 Russian River Chardonnay is born from two vineyards within the Russian River appellation: Wood Vineyard, located on River Rd and River Vineyard, located in the heart of Sonoma's Russian River Valley on East Side Road. The floral, mineral, and lime aromas and steely structure of the River Vineyard are complemented by the peach and apricot aromas and more fleshy structure of the Wood Vineyard.		
Vinification/ Maturation	Our winemaking philosophy remains the same since we first introduced the Russian River Chardonnay in 1993: less intervention is better in dealing with a delicate variety like chardonnay. Winemaking techniques including sur-lie aging, lees stirring, full malolactic fermentation, and the measured use of some new French oak are employed to bring you this delicious rendition from Sonoma's premier Chardonnay appellation.		
Tasting Notes	Balance and proportion best describe the character of our 2018 Russian River Chardonnay; it displays abundant floral/ stone fruit aromas lightly accented by toasty, graham cracker sur-lie qualities. The mouth feel is creamy and full, but the natural acidity of the Russian River fruit carries this velvet textured package to a long, clean finish.		
Serve with	Salmon, chicken, pork, or pasta with cream sauces.		
Production	16,000 cases		
Scores/Awards	91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - September 2019 87 points - James Laube, Wine Spectator - May 2020 88 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 2021		
Reviews	<i>"Aromas of fresh, ripe white peaches, as well as pears here. There's a supple and focused feel to the palate that offers deep, ripe-peach flavour and good balance. Drink now."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com <i>"Custardy notes accent the ripe apple and dried pear flavors. Fleshy midpalate, with a buttery, well-oaked finish. Drink now. 16,000 cases made."</i> - JL, Wine Spectator		



Reviews *“This white is approachable and moderate in acidity, with floral aromas and an earthy underbelly. Dried herb flavors season a core of apple, pear and melon.”*
- VB, Wine Enthusiast

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

CSPC# 714968

750mlx12

14.8% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.0 g/l	pH: 3.75	Residual Sugar: g/l
Grape Variety	100% Cabernet Sauvignon		
Winemaker	David Cronin		
Vintage	The 2019 growing season was notable for the generous late rains that made for robust spring growth. Summer saw few heat spikes and the warm days were tempered by many foggy mornings. A long growing season, 2019 will be remembered for providing extended hang time that resulted in intensely flavored fruit with good natural acidity for those winemakers that exercised patience.		
Harvest	October 6 and November 4, 2019.		
Vineyards	Our 2019 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on our estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley vineyards located on the valley floor. Comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the blend produces a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in the Napa Valley.		
Vinification/ Maturation	Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation; keeping the wine “dirty” when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2019 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was racked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.		
Tasting Notes	The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the Cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, and black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age.		
Production	12,400 cases produced.		
Cellaring	For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2022 through 2026. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2027-2037.		
Scores/Awards	91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - July 2022 91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - November 2022		
Reviews	<i>“Spiced cocoa beans, red chili pepper and creamy blackberries. Medium body and supple with flavorful currants and blackberries on the palate. Quite welcoming. Drink now - JS, JamesSuckling.com</i> <i>“A juicy, fan-friendly wine, with a flash of mint giving way to brambly raspberry and boysenberry pte de fruit notes, which are backed by a snap of red licorice on the finish. A light sassafras note peeks in, too. Drink now through 2030. 12,400 cases made.” - JM, Wine Spectator</i>		



Napa Valley Zinfandel 2020

CSPC# 714963

750mlx12

14.9% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis Acidity: 5.8 g/l pH: 3.59 Residual Sugar: .5g/l
Grape Variety 95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah

Winemaker David Cronin

Vintage The early 2020 Napa Valley growing season was notable for the warm, dry conditions that persisted through late February. It wasn't until March that we welcomed cool, wet weather; the late Spring rains supplied the wakening vines with the water they needed for their rapid Spring growth. No discussion of the 2020 vintage would be complete without mention of the multiple wildfires that tore through wine country starting August 17 after a series of thunderstorms rolled through the state culminating in multiple fires ignited by the associated lightning strikes. The Hennessey fire was the closest to Buehler Vineyards, but we were spared the ravages of smoke on our wines since the prevailing winds pushed the fire to the east of us. The Glass fire, which started September 27 and burned just to the west of us, forced us to evacuate the winery for several days. Fortunately, we had completed the Zinfandel and Cabernet harvest on the estate by then, so the resulting wines were unscathed by the smoke.

Vineyards The grapes we chose for our 2020 Buehler Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel came exclusively from our low-yielding estate vineyards. Dry-farmed for over 33 years, our 4.5-acre estate block consists of mature forty-six-year-old vines which typically give us around 2.5 tons/acre of beautiful hillside Zinfandel fruit. Interspersed among the head-trained vines are a handful of Petite Sirah vines representing perhaps 5% of the total vines in this block. A traditional field companion to Zinfandel in pre-prohibition California vineyards, Petite Sirah contributes pepper, color, and tannin structure to the wine.

Vinification/ Maturation Our Zinfandel was aged for 12 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 20% of which were new. At this level of "new wood", the up-front endearing quality of Zinfandel can assert itself.

Tasting Notes Aromas of a briar patch on a hot summer day carry over to the palate and are carried in a mouth-filling, deeply layered, juicy package.

Serve with Concentrated and intense, this Zinfandel explodes on the palate with dark fruit, dark chocolate, black pepper, and spice. This wine is full-bodied and would make an excellent match for BBQ and other grilled meats.

Production 1140 cases produced.

Cellaring The wine was crafted for immediate enjoyment but for those who enjoy a more complex wine displaying some bottle-aged character, aging for another two to three years is a good option.

Scores/Awards **90 points** - Tim Fish, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2023

Reviews *"Focused and plump, with zesty cherry flavors that are accented with licorice and savory spices and build toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029. 1,140 cases made."*
- TF, winespectator.com

