

KAMEN
ESTATE WINES

Ripe fruit. Low yields. High quality.

THE 2019 LAVA BLOCK

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The Lava Block is a 14-acre micro-climate within Kamen Estate. Planted in 2008, it is the rockiest slope in the vineyard requiring extensive planting efforts. The wines grown on this parcel of the estate showcase a distinct and unique expression of Kamen Estate vineyard.

In 2019, we experienced a late bud break. What started off as another drought year was saved by a welcomed five inches of rain in May that produced lush vigor in the vines. The growing season was marvelously consistent with no major heat spikes. This allowed for slow ripening, long hang-time and optimum flavors.

TASTING NOTES

Perhaps the finest Lava Block Cabernet to date. The aromatics of this wine are outrageously intense and layered; they sing with minerality throughout its time in the glass. Blackberry pie, black currants, crème de cassis, black cherries, tobacco leaf, violet and crushed rock rush to the forefront. Secondary aromas of suede, cocoa and pencil lead add an intriguing nuance. The flavors are seamless, elegant and sophisticated. The wine is generous and balanced with a fully-integrated tannin structure. Simply amazing.

ACCOLADES

“The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Lava Block emerges from the blocks on very stony, rocky terrain that appear almost devoid of any soil whatsoever. That wine can be made here at all seems pretty remarkable. What a wine it is, though. The 2019 possesses tremendous energy and vibrancy that blossoms over time. Crushed rocks, graphite, lavender, spice, menthol, grilled herbs, chocolate and sweet oak are woven throughout. Explosive and deep, with remarkable vibrancy, the Lava Block Cabernet exudes energy and richness in all of its dimensions.” 95 pts. —*Antonio Galloni, Vinous, September 2021*

“This is laden with warmed cassis and gently steeped plum fruit flavors, while alder, warm cast iron and dried savory hints fill in through the finish. Solidly built and shows serious heft, but poise and polish win out in the end. Should cruise in the cellar. Best from 2023 through 2038.” 95 pts. —*James Molesworth, Wine Spectator*

Vineyard Information

100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100–1450 ft.
Moon Mountain District AVA, Certified Organic

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 15.5% | Production: 475 cases | Release Date: November 2022

