

2019 S BY SIGNORELLO NAPA VALLEY



THE S STORY

S by Ray Signorello was motivated by a longing to work with fruit from areas beyond the boundaries of the singular Signorello Estate Vineyard in southern Napa Valley. Ray and winemaker Priyanka French were intrigued by prestigious and diverse appellations such as Howell Mountain, Rutherford, and St. Helena, with a vision to produce a modern, plush, and ultimately crowd-pleasing Cabernet Sauvignon. The label creation for S was inspired by the simplicity and elegance of Ray's heirloom monogrammed cufflinks, given to him by his father, Ray Sr. This distinctively rich and delicious wine derived from a selection of acclaimed vineyard sites boasts layered aromas, generous ripe flavors, a plush mouthfeel and complexity in its youth for immediate enjoyment.

ACCOLADES

"A new wine with fruit from Howell Mountain, Saint Helena and Rutherford, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon S includes 7% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot. It's red fruited and plush, with cherry and red raspberry notes framed by velvety tannins on the medium to full-bodied palate, then a long, harmonious finish." — **Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate, 92 points**

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"Very dark garnet in color, this wine smells of black cherry and cola. In the mouth, bright cherry cola flavors mix with darker notes of licorice and cocoa powder. Excellent acidity keeps things bright and faint fleecy tannins tickle the edges of the palate. Lush and bright, and likely quite crowd-pleasing." — **Alder Yarrow, Vinography, Score: between 9 and 9.5**

"This was a lovely surprise. It's S by Signorello, a new project of Napa vintner Ray Signorello and winemaker Priyanka French, who hails from Mumbai and joined Signorello in 2019. Because it's a young Napa Cabernet, we expected it to be a bit aggressive. Instead, it was well structured and balanced with fruit that was inviting - so inviting that we figured it must have a significant amount of Merlot. Nope, it's just 7% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot. It's \$75 and likely hard to find, but keep this label in mind - and Priyanka French's name too." — **Dorothy Gaiter and John Brecher, GrapeCollective.com**

BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL

14.9%

PRODUCTION

1,350 cases

HARVESTED

September 20th-28th, 2019

GROWING SEASON

2019 will always remain a special vintage as it marks the first for our new production team led by Winemaker Priyanka French. As a vintage, it will be remembered as a long, cooler vintage with plenty of hang time allowing for optimum flavor development. A wet winter refilled ground reserves allowing for big canopies and good yields. A moderate summer extended into a cooler fall season with the fruit preserving good acids and fruit concentration.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were picked in the range of 24.5-26 Brix. The vintage yielded concentrated berries with intense flavors. The grapes were destemmed, thoroughly hand sorted and fermented with native yeast. 18 months in 50% new French Oak allowed the wine to soften with the aromas developing harmoniously. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

In its introductory vintage, the 2019 S provides the perfect example of the vision for this label. Dark and dense to its core, the wine is complex, layered and nuanced. Inky in color, this wine greets you on the nose with dark black fruit, graphite, lavender, crème de cassis opening up further into herbal tea, rose petals and leather. Silky and juicy tannins elongate the length of this wine finishing up with mocha, cedar and chai spices. Rich and expressive, the S is a knockout wine that is approachable in its youth and will continue to evolve in the years to come.