



## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DRY FARMED SONOMA MOUNTAIN

### JACK LONDON VINEYARD

Located in the Sonoma Mountain AVA above the dense fog level, the Jack London vineyards are one of the most unique terroirs in California. Influenced by Jack London's passion for improving the land and farming sustainably, the steeply terraced vineyards benefit from morning sun followed by indirect light in the heat of the afternoon. The long, cool growing season of this area creates a beautiful complexity and balance in the fruit.

### DRY FARMING

The vineyard blocks for this wine are located at the highest elevation of the ranch and are farmed without irrigation. The only source of water comes from natural rainfall and an underground mountain spring, allowing the wine to express its full potential of flavor.

### FROM THE WINEMAKER

The 2019 vintage had a wet spring followed by summer temperatures typical for Sonoma Mountain leading to even ripening. The early season soil moisture allowed us to let the fruit hang for longer than 2018, leading to an October 25<sup>th</sup> pick date. The grapes were fermented on the skins for 19 days before being drained and the free run sent to barrel. The wine aged 18 months in oak barrels, the majority of which were French oak and around 65% new oak barrels.

Aromas of ripe black plum, blackcurrant and chocolate truffle are combined with subtle notes of grilled meat. The palate shows great density with blackberry fruit and a subtle note of peppercorn.

Another truly age-worthy wine from this dry-farmed block.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Sonoma Mountain
Harvest Date	25 October 2019
Harvest Method	Hand picked pre-dawn
Fermentation	19 days on the skins
Cooperages	65% New, 47% French, 29% Hungarian, 24% American oak
Aging	18 months oak barrels
Acidity/pH	6.3 g/L / 3.81
Alcohol	14.9%



Jack London contemplating his beauty ranch. 1913

*"I had noticed the way the soil was washed down the hillside by the rains and I determined to prevent that by grading the land making it over into rolling contours and abrupt terraces... I believe the soil is our greatest asset."*

– Jack London