

SPOTTSWOODE

2019 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Advocate, Lisa Perrotti-Brown

100 POINTS

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 89.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.5% Cabernet Franc and 4.0% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it needs a lot of swirling to unlock the most gorgeous perfume of bright black and red cherries, fresh blueberries and blackcurrant pastilles with hints of roses, cinnamon stick and orange peel. Medium-bodied, elegant and tightly wound, the palate shimmers with SO MUCH energy, featuring layer upon layer of floral, savory and crunchy black fruit notes, finishing long and mineral. This is a remarkably poised, seemingly effortless beauty that cannot fail to make your jaw drop. Forget it in the cellar for a good 3-5 years, at least, to allow all those nuances to fully emerge and then savor it over the next 30 years+. (November 30, 2021)

Jebdunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck

97 POINTS

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is another incredible wine from this reference point estate in the Valley. Based on 89.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.5% Cabernet Franc, and the balance Petit Verdot that was raised in 65% new French oak, it has that classic Spottswode refinement and elegance as well as medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of cassis, tobacco, sandalwood, and flowers. I don't think this hits the heights of the 2013 or 2016, but it shines for its flawless balance, remarkable purity, and great finish. It's going to have 30 years of prime drinking. (May 4, 2022)

Vinous, Antonio Galloni

96 POINTS

A bright, effusive wine, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is all finesse. Bright aromatics, vibrant red berry fruit and mid-weight structure give the 2019 its charming, sensual personality. I am surprised to see how open the 2019 is at this stage. I imagine it might close down a bit post-bottling, but the 2019 has superb balance to go with a real feeling of openness, at least today. Red/purplish berry fruit, rose petal, lavender and sweet spice shape the inviting finish. (January 2022)

Jamessuckling.com, James Suckling

96 POINTS

Ripe blackberries, blackcurrants, cocoa powder, dried thyme and walnut husk on the nose. It's full-bodied, chewy and compact with firm tannins and a broad, muscular palate. Structured, polished and well balanced. From biodynamically grown grapes. Try after 2024. (November 5, 2021)

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