



CROWN POINT

RELEVANT 2019



100% ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED HAPPY

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot
5% Malbec
5% Petit Verdot

Harvest date:
September 24
October 15, 2019

2019 was a fascinating vintage at Crown Point. We experienced a mild, wet winter with 27 inches of rain, above the Santa Barbara County average. A cold month of May delayed flowering and, ultimately, harvest. However, a warmer summer followed with one day above 700 degrees in June, three in July, two in August, and five in September, accelerating ripening and providing an attractive sweetness to the wine. October offered a respite for the vines and extended hangtime with temperatures consistently in the 80s. While the September heatwave marks the vintage, the cooler weather allowed the vines to recover and gracefully adapt.

The 2019 Relevant is an inspiring introduction to Crown Point. It aptly mirrors the attributes of the vintage - dark fruit, balanced, smooth structure, trademark Mediterranean spice - finishing with length and tension. The after palate is pleasurable, bringing notes of violets and rhubarb.

Fermented in a mix of oak, concrete, and stainless fermenters, the wines were barreled down after fermentation in 33% new French oak and 67% once used. After 78 months in barrel, the wines were blended, unfinned, and unfiltered. Marked by an elegant richness, you may enjoy this wine now or for the next 75+ years.

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A dense crème de cassis aroma shows a serious edge of loamy soil, bittersweet cocoa and roasted rib eye on the nose. The palate is wrapped in smooth yet structural tannins, offering charred black currant, black olive and more cocoa, with a sizzle of acidity persistent throughout.



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The medium-bodied palate is powdery and fresh, striking a balance between ripe blackcurrant fruit, classy new oak spices and alluring herbal streaks. It's a balanced, drinkable style of Cabernet that's a pleasure to drink!

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