

# SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2019

MERLOT

ALEXANDER VALLEY

MARK BEAMAN, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

COMPOSITION

87% Merlot,  
13% Cabernet Sauvignon

COOPERAGE

16 months in 28% new French  
and 9% new Hungarian oak

ALCOHOL

14.9%

TA

5.3 g/L

pH

3.85

BOTTLING DATE

August 2021

CASES PRODUCED

934

## VINEYARDS

The Alexander Valley is located north of the town of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. It is one of the warmer AVAs in the region making it the perfect spot for red Bordeaux grapes. The majority of the fruit for our 2019 Merlot comes from the Eco Terreno Vineyard in the Alexander Valley. The fruit comes from well drained, alluvial soils located next to the Russian River in the northern Alexander Valley. This adds concentration and distinct minerality notes.

## VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started later than usual in many California wine regions. A wet spring followed by cool temperatures allowed the grapes to mature gradually. Cool temperatures continued throughout the growing season resulting in longer hang time and lower sugar yields. Vintners are praising the full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance of the 2019 vintage.

## WINEMAKING

After a three-day cold soak, we crushed and fermented the grapes in a combination of stainless steel tanks and oak barrels. After pressing, each lot was blended depending on flavor, color and tannin concentration. The wine was aged for 16 months in new and used French and Hungarian oak barrels.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Upon opening, aromas of black cherry, dark plum and chocolate entice the senses. Medium-bodied on the palate, our 2019 Alexander Valley Merlot offers rich flavors of clove spice, vanilla and ripe raspberry. Notes of smooth caramel linger on the finish.

-Mark Beaman, *Winemaker*