



MARIETTA

2019 CHRISTO

ESTATE GROWN
RHÔNE-STYLE RED WINE

BLEND

*65% Syrah, 22% Grenache,
10% Petite Sirah, 3% Viognier*

AGING

18 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

14.7%

PRODUCTION

8,000 cases

RELEASE DATE

Spring 2022

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to ten years

HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 Harvest brought another fantastic year of smooth weather with a slow-paced, even-growing season. Temperatures were a bit cooler than average, leading to picking a week or so later than typical norms. As per the recent Northern California pattern, fire showed up in late October adding to the stress of the season. However, our grapes were picked by then and the only added excitement was power outages and evacuations. We are grateful that our employees and properties stayed safe in 2019 and that the wines show great depth, measured ripeness, and wonderful retained freshness.

WINE NOTES

With a nose of black pepper ground over blacker berries, Luxardo cherries and licorice liqueur, this Rhône style red wine comes out punching with the biggest and gentlest of gloves. Texturally, the mouth fills with an upwelling of viscous, ripe, silky richness. Tart marzipan and fresh-cut sage peek through to keep all the pleasure grounded, bringing brightness and electricity to this delicious umami bomb. A study in the integration of opposites, hedonism and depth, this wine practically pours itself.



FAMILY SERIES

Our history of family winemaking goes back four generations in Sonoma County. At current count, there have been seven different winemakers in the family. Each has had their own focus and style. The unifying elements have been family, hard work, passion, and a love of the creative process that is winemaking. Our Family Series consists of a Zinfandel, a Cabernet Sauvignon, and a Rhône-style red wine. All three are carefully crafted from Estate Grown grapes from our properties in Northern Sonoma County, the McDowell and Hopland Valleys, and the Yorkville Highlands.

PRAISE FOR 2018 CHRISTO

95 points

Vibrant ruby-purple in color, the nose offers pure scents of crushed red, black and blue berries, tobacco, violets, tar and smoked meats. The palate is full-bodied and packed full of perfectly ripe, juicy fruit, with a grainy frame and loads of uplift on the finish.

— Wine Advocate